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## NAVY DEPARTMENT ISSUES REPORT ON PANAY

### Japanese Knew Where American Convoy Intended to Anchor: Ships Were Plainly Marked

### INQUIRY BOARD LISTS 36 FINDINGS

### No Warning Given: Boarding Party Opened Fire With Machine-Guns Before Sinking

Washington, Dec. 24.

PLANES taking part in the attack on the Panay convoy were unmistakeably identified as Japanese, according to the four-man Navy Board report, prepared under the leadership of Capt. H. U. McKittrick, issued by the Navy Department to-day. The report confirmed that four persons died as the result of the bombing. Thirty-six distinct findings were listed.

Firstly it was found that the Japanese knew where the four ships planned to anchor; secondly, that the U.S.S. Panay and the tankers were clearly marked as American vessels; thirdly, the attack took place at mid-day in extremely clear weather; fourthly, the survivors were the target of machine-gun fire. According to the report, "adequate steps were taken at all times" to make sure the Japanese authorities were informed of the Panay's movements prior to the bombing.

"At 9.40 a.m., while standing upriver, the Panay halted in response to a signal from Japanese landing boats. A Japanese Army officer with a guard boarded and was informed the Panay convoy was proceeding to an anchorage 28 miles above Nanking," the report read.

"No warning was given of any danger likely to be encountered," the report added. After the bombing, a boarding party opened fire with a machine-gun and boarded the Panay for a few minutes. Shortly afterwards, the ship sank, the report said.

Observers expressed the opinion that the final reaction of President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, will be dictated partly by public reaction in the United States.

Veteran political authorities were inclined to believe a straight acceptance of the Japanese Note would probably not satisfy public opinion, which reacted not only to the Panay incident but to a cumulative series of events, the result of which has been the widespread impression that Japanese militarists were ruthless and indifferent to the long-established United States rights in the Orient.—United Press.

## Japan Repeats Plea of Panay Bombing Error

### U.S. Told Attack "Entirely Unintentional"

### DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN REPLY

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

"As a result of thorough investigations, which have been continued attack was entirely unintentional," since then in all possible ways, it has been fully established that the declares Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in replying today to the American protest on the bombing and sinking of the American gunboat Panay.

The hope is expressed that the explanations given to the United States Embassy yesterday by the Japanese naval authorities have made this quite clear.

After upholding the Japanese Note of apology of December 14, which states that the attack was entirely due to a mistake, Mr. Hirota remarks, in connection with the first two requests contained in the American Note of December 14—an expression of regret and payment of compensation—"No word need be added to what I said in my Note of December 14."

**Question of Guarantees**

Regarding the question of a guarantee against a recurrence of an incident of this nature, the Foreign Minister declares that the Japanese Navy, without delay, issued strict orders "to exercise the greatest caution in every area where warships and other vessels of America or any other third Power are present, in order to avoid a recurrence of a similar mistake, even at the sacrifice of strategic advantage in attacking Chinese troops."

Although the attack on the American vessels was due to a mistake, Mr. Hirota says, the commander of the flying force concerned was immediately removed from his post and recalled.

Moreover, he adds, staff members of the fleet and the commander of the flying squadron and all others responsible have been dealt with according to law. The Japanese Government is thus endeavouring to preclude, absolutely, all possibility of a recurrence of similar incidents.

Pointing out that the recall of the commander of the flying force has a significance of special importance, Mr. Hirota concludes:

"My fervent hope is that the fact will be fully appreciated by the United States Government that this drastic step has been taken solely from a sincere desire on the part of the Japanese Government to safeguard the rights and interests of the United States and other third powers."—Reuter.

## PLANE FLIGHT OVER BRITISH ISLAND

### Japanese Act Causes Bad Impression in London

London, Dec. 24.

A strong protest by Great Britain may be launched in Tokyo as a result of the flight of fifteen Japanese planes yesterday over Lantao Island, which is included in Hongkong territory.

The report on the flight created a very bad impression here to-day.

Diplomatic circles here refused to make any statement on the subject pending confirmation of the report.

They recalled that in a recent note to the Tokyo Government, London had pointed out that Hongkong territory and territorial waters must be respected. The Japanese flight is said to be violation of British territory.—Havas.

## GEN. CHANG CHUN HOST TO CORRESPONDENTS

Hankow, Dec. 24.

General Chang Chun, Secretary-General of the Generalissimo's Headquarters, entertained foreign pressmen at tea this afternoon.—Reuter.

## TUNGCHOW INCIDENT SETTLED

### East Hopei Official Calls On Japanese

Peiping, Dec. 25.

Complete settlement of the Tungchow incident of July 29, in which 220 Japanese nationals were massacred by Chinese constabulary who mutinied against the East Hopei Anti-Communist Autonomous Government, was announced yesterday afternoon by the Japanese Embassy.

Mr. Chih Tsung-mo, chief executive of the East Hopei state, called on Mr. Morito Morishima, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, at the official residence of the Japanese Ambassador at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the announcement said, and handed to him an official note containing terms of settlement and offers of indemnity.—Domei.

## ADMIRAL HOLT FOR HANKOW

### Cockchafer Leaves To Bring R.A.F. Upriver

Hankow, Dec. 25.

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, who is temporarily in command of the British Yangtze Flotilla, is returning to Hankow this morning in H.M.S. Cockchafer, which left here on Thursday night to fetch him.

It is understood that Rear-Admiral Holt has been aboard H.M.S. Bee at Nanking.

It has not been stated whether the Cockchafer went through the recently laid booms, or whether Rear-Admiral Holt was to join her on the Hankow side of the barriers, below Kiukiang, or what means of transportation he would use in this event.

H.M.S. Bee is remaining at Nanking.—Reuter.

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION ISSUES MANIFESTO

A form of temporary provincial government for the province of Kiangsu is envisaged in a proclamation issued over the signature of Mr. Ho Ching, president of the "Chinese Self-Government Association." The Association's aims, states Mr. Ho, are to restore normal facilities to the hundreds of thousands of poor Chinese in the areas around Shanghai now in Japanese hands, and this is to be done with the permission of the Japanese authorities, "with a free hand to administer whatever is fit for the people."

## GUNMAN SHOT DEAD NEAR CHEKIANG RD. BRIDGE

An armed man was killed near the Chekiang Road Bridge at 9.20 a.m. yesterday. When challenged by a search party, he opened fire on the police who returned fire and killed him. Two pedestrians were slightly wounded. The dead man was apparently one of the gang who committed a robbery at 6/35 Yunnan Road at 7.45 a.m. yesterday.

## "LOST" GENERAL REACHES KAIFENG ALIVE

Hankow, Dec. 24.

General Sun Yuan-liang, Commander of the 88th Division, who was rumoured to have been drowned while crossing the Yangtze after the fall of Nanking, has arrived safely at Kaifeng, in Honan province.—Reuter.

## U.S.A. Studies Tokyo Reply On Panay Incident

### American Public Awaiting Film of Bombing

### OUTCOME UNCERTAIN

### Further Reassurances May Be Required of Japan

Washington, Dec. 24.

Japan's long-awaited reply to the United States protest against the bombing of the United States gunboat Panay was received to-day and is being closely scrutinized by the State Department.

After the reports of Lt.-Cmdr. J. J. Hughes, commander of the Panay, and the Naval Board have been digested by President Roosevelt, State Department advisers will decide whether to communicate further with Japan on the basis of the facts revealed in these reports.

Well-informed circles here point out that the report of Cmdr. Hughes scarcely tallies with Tokyo's contention that the whole affair was a mistake, but since Cmdr. Hughes was incapacitated during much of the Japanese action, officials are inclined to place most authority on the Naval Board's report, preliminary accounts of which indicate that the Panay commander's account regarding the deliberate nature of the attack is fully substantiated.

The insistence in the Japanese Note on the fact that strict orders are being given to make a recurrence of such an attack impossible in future, and the statement that "definite specific steps" would be taken to prevent a recurrence, have been well received here, but it is too early yet to say that the incident may be considered to be closed on the American side.

**Further Consideration Needed**

It is predicted here that President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will consider the matter further during the Christmas break.

Only after a further period of official study will it be possible to say whether or not a further American Note will be considered necessary.

What is giving Government circles most concern, it is understood, is the effect which the film of the incident will have on the American public. Advance reports say that the pictures taken by a cameraman refugee aboard the Panay and rushed here by trans-Pacific plane for showing at the cinemas early next week are harrowing and of such a nature as to be liable to excite popular indignation.

There is little prospect, however, that the Government could or would attempt to interfere with the showing of the film throughout the country, and the effect which the pictures may have just when the gravity of the incident seems to be subsiding is believed to be arousing considerable anxiety.—Reuter.

**Washington Coldly Silent**

Washington, Dec. 24.

Complete official silence throughout the day following receipt of the Japanese Note concerning the Japanese attack on the U.S.S. Panay tonight indicated a cooly analytical attitude on the part of officials, although the Government's official attitude was thus far unrevealed.

The impression prevailed that the United States might seek further light from Tokyo regarding the circumstances attending the Note and some of the implications contained therein.

Unofficial observers almost unanimously commented on the fact that the Note did not reveal the Japanese Emperor's view or even did not hint that his personal attention had been called to the situation. The impression prevailed that the Note lacked the highest authority which, it was convinced, the United States public holds necessary to prove the absolute sincerity of Japan's position. Unofficial Japanese circles predicted that Tokyo may orally acknowledge that Emperor Hirohito was personally distressed over the situation.

Widely commented upon was the fact that the Note itself indicated that field officers of the Japanese Army and Navy had failed to obey previous Tokyo orders with respect to foreign interests. Therefore, it was suggested that the United States Government might logically request more definite assurances from Tokyo that the current orders will be obeyed.—United Press.

## CHRISTMAS EXPRESS IN HONGKONG

### Special Train Arrives With Hankow Refugees

Hongkong, Dec. 25.

The "Christmas Express," which left Hankow on Thursday with about 300 foreigners, arrived safely in Kowloon at 9 o'clock this morning.

The train, which had on board 148 women, 85 children and 71 men from Hankow, arrived at Chansha at 11.30 on Thursday night and picked up several foreigners who had booked passages through the Hankow committee. It continued its journey at midnight and crossed the loop line north of Canton at 4 this morning.

Japanese 'planes, it is learned, subjected Changsha to severe bombing on Thursday, but apparently the railway was not one of the objectives for the train passed through the city without a hitch.

Among the foreigners from Hankow were 107 Britons, 96 Americans, 41 Germans, 25 Russians, 10 French, nine Italians, three Swedes and three Norwegians.

The next international train for Hongkong will leave on December 29.

The necessary arrangements have almost been completed, and it is hoped to evacuate about 300 persons more.—Reuter.

INVENTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

At Cormeilles, near Paris, a monument to Daguerre, inventor of photography, was recently unveiled in the main square of the village to mark the 150th anniversary of his birth. The square has been renamed Place Laguerre.

## COMMANDER OF PANAY TELLS STORY OF BOMBING

### Washington Publishes Report by Lt.-Cmdr. Hughes: Deliberate Attack Plainly Described

Washington, Dec. 24.

FATAL Japanese bombing of the American gunboat Panay at Nanking was carried out during a period of good visibility and occurred at some times at heights only 100-200 feet above the clearly marked decks of the ship, according to the report made to the Navy Department by the Commander of the Panay, Lt.-Cmdr. J. J. Hughes. Japanese planes also machine-gunned the decks of the Panay and Japanese river craft fired on the fatally damaged American warship on which a number of Americans and other foreigners were killed or wounded, the report confirmed.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Claude Swanson, authorized publication of the wounded Panay commander's report to the Navy Department in which the bombing of the American ship was said to have continued for nearly an hour.

Cmdr. Hughes gave evidence that the Panay carried horizontal United States flags on the forward top deck and the after top deck. Each flag, he reported, was 18 by 14 feet in size and freshly painted. The Panay also flew a large ensign from her flag-staff day and night, he reported. All flags, both vertical and horizontal, were brightly illuminated throughout the night, the report said.

The Panay, according to Cmdr. Hughes, was anchored before the Japanese attack in an open space on the river easily visible for miles on every side.

The look-out first reported the Japanese bombers approaching at a height of 4,000 feet, but they came lower before the attack which began about 1.27 p.m. and continued until 2.25 p.m., Cmdr. Hughes reported. Japanese Navy markings were clearly visible on the attacking planes, he added.

**Survivors Machine-Gunned**

The Japanese planes, after bombing the warship on which numerous foreign civilians had sought safety during the Japanese assault on Nanking, machine-gunned survivors who attempted to reach the shore in small boats before the Panay sank.

Cmdr. Hughes reported that following his arrival ashore after being wounded, he was informed that an armed Japanese boat was firing at the Panay. He said he heard that several men from the boat subsequently boarded the Panay and remained for a few minutes.

**Japanese Courtesy Visit**

The report described the visit of Lt. Shesimo Murakami before the bombing attack in which the Lieutenant asked the destination of the Panay. Cmdr. Hughes replied that it was proceeding to a point 28 miles above Nanking, explaining that his purpose was to keep clear of artillery fire.

Cmdr. Hughes pointed out that when Lt. Murakami asked information regarding Chinese troops, he declined to answer, calling to the officer's attention that the United States was friendly with both Japan and China.

The report then went on to describe how the Panay and convoy was anchored 221 miles above Woosung point were it seemed unlikely that any troops would attempt to cross the river.

"This location seemed highly desirable," he said. "We were easily visible . . . for miles around on every side.

**Sentries Posted**

"It seemed unlikely that any troops would try to cross the river in our vicinity. In selecting this spot I had in mind, primarily, the safety of the Panay and the refugees whom she was carrying, but also the safety and well being of the American ships in the convoy and their personnel.

"Immediately upon anchoring I posted sentry lookouts for airplanes and troops movements. I later allowed a party of eight men to visit the Mei Ping nearby. These men were still on board Mei Ping when the attack started and therefore were unable to return to ship."

Cmdr. Hughes described his astonishment on discovering the planes overhead intended to attack. He noted that the weather was clear

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## Parallel Lines Of Action Urged For U.S., Britain

### Concurrent Policy Sensible and Strong for Peace

### QUESTION EMPHASIZED BY "NEW YORK TIMES"

New York, Dec. 24.

A concurrent policy by Great Britain and the United States to "curb dictators and restore order and safety in the world" is urged by the "New York Times" in a two-column Christmas Eve editorial today.

A parallel course, it says, would be both sensible and strong: self-interest suggests it, and world peace demands it.

The traditions and politics of the United States, the "New York Times" points out, prevent joint action, but this limitation does no necessarily weaken the position of two democracies who, by acting independently but in a paralled direction, can set bounds on dictators and treaty-breakers by withholding raw materials and credits without resorting to the formal plan called Sanctions.

On false information as regards British pacifism, the journal says, Germany plunged into the World War with very disastrous results to herself. False information as to American pacifism and the concurrent mood of Great Britain and the United States can mean but tragedy for Japan.

Democracies, the "New York Times" goes on, are moving for peace on earth; their concurrent efforts can achieve it.—Reuter.

## JAPAN'S REPLY TO BRITISH NOTE

### Publication Unlikely for Several Days

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

The reply of the Japanese Government to Great Britain's Note of protest against the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird on the Yangtze on December 12, near Wuhu, will not be ready for several days.

This information was given to Reuter by the spokesman of the Foreign Office in an interview yesterday evening. The Japanese authorities, he said, were still awaiting a report on the investigation on the spot.

It had been expected at first that the Japanese reply would be delivered yesterday evening to the British Embassy in Tokyo for transmission to London.

H.M.S. Ladybird is at present at Shanghai, having proceeded there with the U.S.S. Oahu.—Reuter.

## U.S. SPY SCARE ROUSES TENSION ON WEST COAST

### Japanese Letters Seized from Tatsuta Maru

### BIG PLOT ALLEGED

### Navy, Post and Customs Co-Operate in Drive

San Francisco, Dec. 24.

Three letters, addressed to Japanese and bearing Japanese stamps instead of American ones, were seized prior to the departure of the Tatsuta Maru on Thursday in connection with what was alleged by the "San Francisco Chronicle" to be an espionage plot.

Disclosure of the seizure of the letters was made by Mr. Frank J. Hennessy, United States Attorney, who said that Customs officials had seized the mysterious letters. He said he had no idea of their contents. He also declared that he had no knowledge of the "Chronicle" story hinting that the seizure was "reputedly linked with a coast-wide espionage plot."

The "Chronicle" alledged that the letters dealt with operations of the Bremerton Navy yard. It said that the information leading to the seizure originated in Seattle. The paper asserted that the letters were entrusted to an "unidentified person aboard the vessel." It was known, the paper claimed, that in recent weeks "Customs and Postal authorities had redoubled their vigilance in connection with efforts to intercept letters of a suspicious nature addressed to undisclosed Far Eastern destinations."

**Drive Against Spies Pressed**

Federal Government agencies today continued their smashing drive against a gigantic espionage system believed to be operating along the entire length of the Pacific Coast.

The U.S. Naval, Customs and Postal authorities joined forces in the campaign, while officials said the drive against improper registration of vessels was one of the most intensive since the World War.

The Navy continued its investigation of the registry of every American ship in a search for possible secret alien ownership. Fishing boats operated by Japanese were also under close scrutiny and several have been detained for further investigation.

**Japanese Fishers Held**

Armed naval launches seized several Japanese fishing boats operating in San Diego harbour in the dead of night without lights. Destroyers patrolled the coast of southern California and visitors to ships anchored in the harbour, were searched before being allowed to proceed abroad.

It was reported that the three letters addressed to Japanese and bearing Japanese stamps which were seized aboard the Tatsuta Maru prior to that vessel's departure for Japan, were confiscated at the request of the Naval Intelligence Service.

Mr. Valentine Hammack, Assistant United States Attorney General, said as far as he knew "there is nothing in the letters to indicate a spy plot." The letters, he said, could not be opened for at least two months because "it takes that much time to complete the condemnation proceedings."—United Press.

**Navy Yard Workmen Watched**

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 24.

Secret Service agents have mingled with Navy Yard workmen for months in an effort to discover espionage activities in the yards, it was reliably reported to-day.—United Press.

## VAN ZEELAND PLAN SAID REVEALED

### Frankfurt Paper Discloses Alleged Terms of Scheme

Berlin Dec. 4.

Great interest is being evinced in political circles here in the report by M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, on the economic situation in the world at present.

According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung," influential paper, the report proposes: a ten years tariff truce, progressive abolition of clearings, creation of an international monetary reserve to the Bank for International Settlements and creation of colonial companies.

The paper believes that the propositions show progress in comparison with the suggestions of the League of Nations.

The journal criticizes the proposal for a ten-year tariff truce which would oblige all countries to immobilize their economic system though the questions of a new distribution of raw materials and the abolition of exchange control dominate the situation.

The paper says the success of M. Van Zeeland's action will depend on how he takes into account Germany's colonial claims and their connection with the raw material problem.—Havas.

## "CHINA DAY" TO BE HELD IN INDIA

### Appeal From Chu Teh Sent to Congress Leader

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Allahabad, Dec. 25.

An appeal for the observance of a "China Day" throughout India on January 9, when collections would be made for medical aid to China, was made to-day by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the Indian National Congress.

Nehru referred to an appeal for help he had received from Gen. Chu Teh, the former Chinese Communist leader and now commander-in-chief of the Eighth Route Army.—Reuter.

## *Yangtze Level Falling Rapidly*

Hankow, Dec. 25.

The level of the Yangtze at Hankow is steadily falling. The river was 14 feet 6 inches lower to-day than it was last year.

The ss. Kiangho, which was on her way to Ichang from Hankow, has run aground half-way there. The ss. Kwali has gone to her assistance.—Reuter.

## New China Army To Be Trained In Two Months

### Generalissimo Confident Of Ultimate Success

### CABINET REGROUPING DESIRABLE

Hankow, Dec. 25.

General Chiang Kai-shek to-day made an important statement on the military situation to a Transocean representative. Within two months at the latest, said the Generalissimo, the Chinese armies will be reorganized and the whole strategical plan to a considerable extent recast. This would entail an advantage for China.

Although it was impossible for the time being to reveal further details of the measures taken by the government, it could nevertheless be admitted that a regrouping of the cabinet is intended, the Generalissimo declared.

In reply to a question concerning the next aim of the Japanese offensive the Generalissimo replied that the Japanese front is now so extended that any prophecy is impossible, but that he was still convinced that the Chinese resistance would finally be rewarded by a victory. The 300,000 Chinese dead and wounded would be replaced within a few months by new, fully trained recruits.

In reply to a further question regarding the new Chinese lines of defence the Generalissimo said that it was manifestly impossible to give detailed information on that subject, but that the necessary preparations were being made to hold up the Japanese advance in whatever direction it might be attempted.

**No Japanese Plan**

The Generalissimo stressed his belief that the Japanese had no definite strategic plan for their operations in China, so that it was not yet possible to foresee the future military developments.

Regarding the attitude of the other great Powers towards the Far Eastern conflict Gen. Chiang said that the hopes entertained at the outbreak of the hostilities that the Powers in question would come to the help of China had been disappointed. China had now come to recognize that her salvation depended on her own resources and energy.

The Generalissimo added, however, that in this time of distress help from outside would never be refused and that China remained ready to accept such an assistance provided that the vital principles underlying her own existence as a state were respected.

The Generalissimo concluded by emphasizing his unshakable conviction that, despite the temporary adversity, the birth of a modern united China is imminent and that the Chinese are ready to fight for this great ideal.—Trans-Ocean.

## SS. PRES. HOOVER MAIL REMOVED

### SS. Pres. Grant Takes All But Skeleton Crew Off

The President Grant yesterday wirelessed the Dollar Steamship company here that she was sailing from the stranded President Hoover after taking aboard parcel post packages, heavy baggage and all but eleven members of the crew, reports United Press.

The remainder of the crew with Captain Yardley were remaining aboard the vessel stranded on a reef. The President Grant was due in Manila at noon to-day.

## TERUEL OCCUPIED BY GOVERNMENT

### Battle Was All-Spanish Affair

Madrid, Dec. 25.

Teruel, strategic stronghold of Gen. Francisco Franco, the Nationalist commander-in-chief, in north-eastern Spain, is now completely in the hands of Republican Government troops.

The last nationalist fortified position in the town, where some 400 men, mainly Civil Guards, had been holding out, was captured last evening.

According to a Republican officer, the 100,000 Government troops operating against the town suffered only 800 casualties, while they took 1,500 prisoners, all Spanish.

Features of the battle, which was an all-Spanish affair, were the almost entire absence of the Nationalist air force, the abundance of Republican Government transport, and the smooth running of the supply services.

Apart from the moral importance of the victory, Teruel is of considerable strtaegical value as a salient. It has been a thorn in the Republican Government's side since the beginning of the war.—Reuter.

## SOVIET-JAPAN FISHERY SETTLEMENT NEAR

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

Japanese newspapers hint to-day that an amicable settlement of the Russo-Japanese fishery question is in sight.—Reuter.

## RENEWED DRIVE BY JAPANESE IN NORTH LOOMING

### Tsingtao and Tsinan Now Isolated

### SHANSI MOVEMENTS

### Chinese Claim Advance on Tsinpu Front

Tsingtao, Dec. 25.

Railway and telephonic communication between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu has been cut.

According to well-informed quarters here, Chowtsun, 50 miles north-east of Tsinan, has been attacked by Japanese 'planes.

Meanwhile, Japanese troops are said to have crossed the Yellow River at Chinghochen, north of Chowtsun on the railway.

Seventeen Americans left Tsingtao yesterday by the Butterfield and Swire ss. Shengking.

The Mayor, Admiral Shen Hung-lieh, was visited to-day by a representative of the Chambers of Commerce in Tsingtao and asked to keep the port open.

The Mayor promised to do his utmost to aid shipping.—Reuter.

**Shantung Drive Expected**

Hankow, Dec. 25.

Well-informed Chinese circles here believe that the Japanese intend shortly to launch large-scale operations in Shantung.

The Japanese are reliably reported to be moving troops from the Peiping-Hankow Railway front in Shansi to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front and also to be sending troops by sea for an attack on Tsingtao.

The Japanese, it is believed, are anxious to secure mastery over the whole of Shantung, and to be in full control of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, as this would enable them to operate railway traffic between Peiping and Shanghai. They would at the same time gain control of the important ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo and Haichow.

An improvement in the military situation in the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, following a redistribution of the Chinese defence forces on that front, is claimed in Chinese reports reaching here to-day.

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**Chinese Claim Advance**

After the arrival of reinforcements on December 23, these reports state, the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway advanced beyond Mingkwan and Changpaling and reached Shahochi. Chinese vanguards are said to be approaching Chuchow.

Fighting on the Grand Canal front Chinese sources declare, is taking place between Kaoyu and Shaopo.

Meanwhile, no important development is claimed to have occurred in the fighting to the west of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, where the Japanese forces, after crossing the Yangtze river in the vicinity of Wuhu and Hohsien, advanced northward along the Hweinang Railway.

It is stated that no attempt is being made by the Japanese to advance westward along the Yangtze River.—Reuter.

**Shansi Offensive Feared**

Hankow, Dec. 25.

A new Japanese offensive in the province of Shansi, whose capital Taiyuan was occupied by the Japanese some time ago, is expected to be launched shortly. The Japanese considerably strengthened their forces in this sector during the last few days, so that four divisions are now assembled in the province. The greater part of this army has been concentrated along the Taiyuan-Shichiachwang railway line.

The paper "Shao Tung Pao" declares that the Japanese offensive will find the Chinese troops ready for a counter-attack for which the preparations are completed and which is only delayed pending the arrival of final instructions from General Chiang Kai-shek.

In the southern part of the province of Shansi which, with the western part of that province, is still in Chinese hands, order has been completely restored and the population have returned to their homes. In the northern part of the province which is held by the Japanese isolated remnants of the Eighth Army, the former "Red Army" are carrying on guerilla warfare, it is declared, and in north Shansi as well as on the border of the three provinces of Shansi, Hopei and Charhar, several towns and villages are claimed by the Chinese to have been recaptured by irregulars in the last few days.—Trans-Ocean.

**Mopping up in Hopei**

Shihchiachwang, Dec. 25.

Japanese mopping up operations against Chinese irregulars in south Hopei province were nearing completion to-day as a result of vigorous action by Japanese punitive forces during the past few weeks.

Three hundred Chinese troops, including remnants of Sung Chehyuan's Hopei-Charhar Army, surrendered to Japanese forces at Pingshan, west of Shihchiachwang; 250 others from Wuki and 300 from Changshu on the south-western border likewise gave up their resistance, it was announced.—Domei.

## JAPANESE DIET TO MEET TO-DAY

### Power Nationalization Bill Only Issue for Dispute

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

The opening ceremony of the 73rd session of the Diet will take place in the House of Peers at 11 a.m. to-morrow in the presence of the Emperor.

All these questions, however, are not likely to elicit any hot discussion except the Bill on state control of the electric power industry. This will possibly encounter strong opposition not only by powerful sections of the House of Representatives, but also of the House of Peers.—Reuter.

# SHANGHAI OBSERVES XMAS IN SPIRIT OF FESTIVAL

## Christmas Music at Cathedral To-night: Refugee Children Not Forgotten

WHILE yesterday's blue skies and strong sunshine may not have met with the approval of those who feel that Yuletide celebrations lose much of their force when snow-flakes are not making a scintillating mantle over everything, it cannot be denied that the weather was typical of Shanghai at this time of the year. Last year, it will be recalled, snow fell two days before Christmas, but expectations of a White Christmas were dispelled by sunny blue skies on the day itself. The rain of Thursday, accompanied by a definitely increasing "nip" in the air, revived expectations once more—and yesterday, of course, the weather nearly changed its mind.

Indeed, on the whole, it is surprising how little different the celebrations of Christmas this year are from those of 1936, and this despite the fact that Shanghai has just passed through over three months of the most critical period in its history. True, many of the festivities had to be curtailed and others, like the Paper Hunt, had to be abandoned in the face of existing conditions; but the special Christmas Day church services held an especial significance, and the large congregations who attended the ceremonies connected with the religious celebrations of the Nativity doubtless felt that their worship of the Prince of Peace this year was capable of an even deeper and more important interpretation than usual.

Celebrations of Holy Communion were held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Bubbling Well Chapel at both 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, followed by Mattins at 10.30 a.m., and a third celebration of Holy Communion. The sermon at the Mattins service was delivered by Dean Trivett, while the choir rendered as an appropriate anthem the traditional German carol "In Dulce Jubilo."

### Carol Service

In addition to the usual Sunday services to-day, a special repeat service of Christmas Music and Carols will be given by the Cathedral Choir at 6 o'clock this evening. Carols which will be sung include "The Manger Throne," "Bethlehem Town," "The Three Kings," "On Christmas Night," A Christmas Carol, "Myn Lyking," "Here is a Little Door, "Alleluia" and Metraditional hymns "Venite Adoremus," "While Shepherds watched," and "The First Nowell," Soli will be sung by Mr. J. A. Tebbs, Mr. G. H. Piercy and Mrs. A. Harvey, while the organ will render a Pastoral Symphony from Handel's "The Messiah"

Other services yesterday included those of St. John's Pro-Cathedral at 7.30 a.m., of the Deutsche Kirche Freitag at 10.30 a.m. and of the "Hut" at 6 p.m. Catholic churches held no Midnight Mass, but Masses were celebrated in St. Joseph's Church at 5.16, 6, 7 and 8.15 a.m., with a Solemn High Mass at 10.30 a.m.

Among to-day's special services will be those of the Union Church at 10.45 a.m. which will include carols, solos, and duets and of the Shanghai Free Christian Church (Evangelical) both in the morning and the evening, when appropriate Christmas music will be played.

### Christmas Trees

But to return to yesterday. As the sun came up from the East at dawn, probably the first sign of Christmas celebrations in Shanghai that it noticed were the little Christmas trees tied to the mastheads of the U.S.S. Augusta and H.M.S. Folkestone. These little trees were almost symbols of the extensive arrangements made to help the exceptionally large number of men making up the foreign defence force of Shanghai to celebrate Christmas. Special meals were served at the various camps, barracks and other billets.

The fine weather drew large crowds out in the afternoon to the two chief sporting events connected with Christmas Day this year. For the first time in a decade, the Paper Hunt had to be abandoned, but as a sort of consolation, a gymkhana was held at 3.15 p.m. in the Columbia Riding School. A number of special events were arranged, including an International Jumping competition, the first of its kind in Shanghai, when teams representing America, China, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Russia, Scotland and Wales vied for the championship.

The other major sporting event of the day was the soccer match for the Marine Engineers' Charity Cup, elevens representing the Shanghai Football Association and the Association Sportif Francais meeting at the Canidrome at 3 p.m. Detailed reports of the football game and the gymkhana will be found on the Sport Page.

### Special Broadcast

In 1935, a special Christmas programme was broadcast from Shanghai to the United States through R.C.A. Communications, the programme being relayed throughout the country over the N.B.C. network. Last year's broadcast assumed especial significance, for it contained the first public announcement of the return to Loyang from Sian of General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Yesterday morning another Christmas programme was arranged by Mr. George R. Shecklen, president of R.C.A. Communications in Shanghai. Chaplain Hamilton, of the Fourth U.S. Marines, opened the broadcast, several carols being given by a Marine trumpet quartet. The benediction was pronounced by Mgr. McGrath.

A large number of prominent local Americans attended to broadcast greetings, those invited including Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Lieut.-Cmdr. Kinkaid (representing Admiral Yarnell), Major Paul (representing Brig.-Gen. Beaumont), Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, Judge Milton J. Helmick, Mr. L. Poulsen and Mr. M. Marcus. All mention of the hostilities in China was omitted from the broadcast, which was of no political significance whatsoever.

### Union Jack Club

The Union Jack Club is always the centre of amusements and entertainments for the British forces stationed in Shanghai, and yesterday was no exception to this rule (or perhaps it might even be termed a tradition now). Tickets were distributed to all men serving in H. M. Forces now in Shanghai, and presentation of these during the day (after 4 p.m.) entitled the bearer to a free bottle of beer, a packet of cigarettes, and a "help yourself" at a free buffet of mince pies, apple pies, and all the other confections that go to make Christmas Day the festival that it is.

Turkeys, and all the trimmings that go with them, cigarettes, cigars, beer, etc. were also sent on board H.M.S. Folkestone to enable the officers and men to celebrate Christmas in their usual style. Even the men on picket duty on the perimeter of the Settlemen were not forgotten, and their tickets can be exchanged for the beer and other accessories whenever they get a chance to visit the club.

Furthermore, the officers and men of four of His Majesty's gunboats now on the Yangtze River below the boom have not been forgotten. Due to the difficulties of getting supplies through to them safely, no turkeys or other foods were sent up by a certain route made available, but each ship has received two large cases of beer with which to mark the festive occasion.

## SWEET CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

### U.S. Marines Participate In Noble Cause

That the intelligence department of the American Marines since their stay in China has acted in keeping with the standards of the service goes without saying, but at Christmas a particular intelligence department functions most thoroughly in ferreting out cases of actual need and providing for the wants of the less favoured. During the past ten days scouts scoured throughout the International Settlement, through the highways and byways, thoroughly imbued with the motto, "The poor ye have with you always," and recorded numerous instances of desperate want.

Preparations having been made, early yesterday morning Marine trucks were sent to the homes and hovels occupied by the unfortunates. One foreign woman, the mother of nine, the entire family sleeping on the floor was overcome and burst into tears, when two husky men in uniform knocked on her door and dragged into the room a box, weighing over 200 lb. The "hamper" contained flour, sides of bacon, beef, spices, warm clothing and a general assortment of food, sufficient for several weeks.

This is not an isolated incident. All companies of the 2nd Brigade did a similar work.

The various messes also acted as hosts to various groups of orphaned or otherwise needy children. For instance at the mess hall of B C and D Companies on Ferry Road, the children were escorted to a table, heaped with imported foodstuffs. Lieut. Holman supervising, sergeants and privates wished the children good cheer and, in cases of the youngest, assisted them in cutting huge portions of turkey drums or white meat. From the soup to the mince and pumpkin pies, the youngsters did not miss a course. Deferential and polite, not a single youngster as much as peeped into the sack of assorted goodies, which had been placed before each before the meal started. Midway through the repast Santa Claus appeared and handed each a pleasant surprise, nicely wrapped in holiday paper.

The way the youngsters enjoyed the biggest Christmas tiffin they ever had, or probably will have in years to come, unless they again will be the guests of the Marines, did the hearts of Mess Sergeant Stevens and his able staff a world of good—they insisted that the children should have a second helping of each dish.

With their little tummies bursting, as they were led to waiting trucks to escort them home, each wished his or her host a Merry Christmas.

Meanwhile 350 men of the three companies celebrated Christmas Day with a repast, the like of which comes but once a year, the proverbial July 4th and Thanksgiving tiffins being eclipsed by just a shade.

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## SOUDAN EXPECTED FROM JAPAN TO-DAY

With a number of passengers and a heavy consignment of Christmas mail, the Messageries Maritimes liner Athos II arrived from Kobe yesterday afternoon, tying up at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Pootung Wharf. She will remain in port until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when she is to sail south for Hongkong and, via the usual ports and Suez, on to Marseilles. Passengers will board the tender Scot I at the M. M. jetty on the Quai de France at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning for the ship; no visitors will be allowed.

The P. & O. Soudan, with cargo only, is expected to arrive in port to-day from Japan ports, and will be berthed at Customs lower buoys 36 and 37. There she will load cargo for Marseilles, Casablanca, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp.

The Soudan sails for Home ports on Tuesday, and on her way through will call at Hongkong, Bombay and the usual ports via Suez.

### The Conte Verde

The local office of Lloyd Triestino expects the ss. Conte Verde to arrive in port from Genoa and Trieste at daylight on Tuesday, when she will come up river and tie up at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Tenders will leave the Customs Jetty for the ship at about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, returning to the jetty three hours later with disembarking passengers.

The Conte Verde is expected to sail from port again early the next afternoon. Heavy baggage will be loaded on to a special lighter which is leave the Customs Jetty at about 9 o'clock that morning, while tenders with outgoing passengers will leave the Customs Jetty for the ship promptly at 10 a.m. As usual, "no visitors admitted."

Coastal movements to-day are not very heavy. Four sailings are listed, including the Gustav Diederichsen (Melchers) which is bound for Hongkong, and the Kailan Mining Administration ss. Kaiping, sailing for Chinwangtao direct with no calls at intermediate ports.

At 7 o'clock this morning, the Indo-China ss. Pingwo is to sail from the Peking Road jetty for Tungchow, while at 2 o'clock this afternoon the China Navigation ss. Chekiang will leave the French Bund, bound for Ningpo.

## ITALY READY TO SUPPORT SWISS NEUTRALITY

Rome, Dec. 24.

Indications that Italy is ready to help Switzerland to regain her pre-war neutral status were given in a communique appearing to-day in the semi-official "Informazione Diplomatica."—Havas.

## Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 26, 1877

The orthodox Christmas weather which set in on Monday morning, made the holidays thoroughly enjoyable. Snow commenced falling early on that morning and continued nearly throughout the day until it lay upon the ground, without drifting, to a depth of about four inches. The temperature was very low, and in the country the housetops and trees retained their spotless mantle almost intact until late on Christmas day. In the streets of the Settlement the scene was somewhat different—the traffic causing the snow to melt almost as soon as it fell, and locomotion being thereby rendered disagreeable to a degree. A brisk wind on Christmas morning, however, soon dried up the mud and the day was fine and dry, though bitingly cold. To the more robust this seasonable weather was delightful, and many shooting parties wended their way by boat far into the country. To the less robust, the cheerful fireside was welcome, by contrast with the wintry scene outside, though many a family circle was broken on Christmas afternoon, in consequence of the unwonted visit of Santa Claus to Shanghai, and the desire to attend his levee at the Lyceum Theatre.

## Commander Of Panay Tells Story Of Bombing

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with good visibility and that there was no wind.

### When First Bomb Fell

He repeated the account, already known, how the first bomb struck the Panay, injuring him, how he was carried to the gallery and from there heard the Panay's machine-guns firing and realized that the crew was carrying on under the directions of Executive Officer, Lt. Arthur F. Anders.

"The first group of planes dive-bombed from a considerable altitude, which kept them beyond the range of the Lewis guns," he said in his report. "Later when the Panay was visibly smashed, they came much closer and not only let go with their bombs from low altitudes—perhaps 100 to 200 feet—but machine-gunned the deck.

"I distinctly heard their guns which have a different sound from the Panay's. According to my reckoning, the Panay received about 24 direct hits. I did not believe it was possible for such a small ship to receive such damage and still float."

### Rescue Attempt Foiled

Cmdr. Hughes said that one of the merchant ships attempted to come alongside the Panay and take off its personnel but the bombing prevented it. He observed that "it should be remembered that the attacking planes concentrated almost all efforts on the Panay during at least the first half hour.

"When it was decided to abandon ship, I ordered wounded removed first."

The report revealed that Cmdr. Hughes was placed in the first boat leaving the Panay by several members of the crew despite his protests. He pointed out that there was no panic at any time and that orders were carried out exactly.

"Lieut. A. F. Anders showed great courage and perseverance in maintaining the fire from all our machine-guns although he was badly wounded almost immediately in the throat, later in the arm and both hands...," Cdmr. Hughes said. "I have no complaint against the conduct of any officer, enlisted man or passenger. Everyone acted with fine courage and initiative.—United Press.

## *SHORT WAVE RADIO*

### To-day's Broadcasts

**Daventry, England**—Trans. 1, from *15.15 to 17.30 o'clock*, 16.85 metres; 25.53m; 31.55. Trans. 2, *18.45 to 21.55* 13.93m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.76m; Trans. 3, *22.15 to 1.00* 13.93m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.82b; 25.53m.

**Via Hongkong.**—31.48m.

**Berlin, Germany.**—*13.05 to 24.00*, 31.28m; 19.74m; 16.89m; 31.45m; 19.68m.

**Rome, Italy.**—*19.43 to 21.20 and 22.00* to 23.30, 25.4m.

**Australia.**—*10.45 to 21.30*, 31.34m.

**Paris, France.**—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; 18.00 to 24.00, 19.86m; 00.15 to 7.00. *25.34; 7.15 to 14.00*, 26.60m.

**Manila, P.I.**—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sundays, *18.00 to 24.00*.

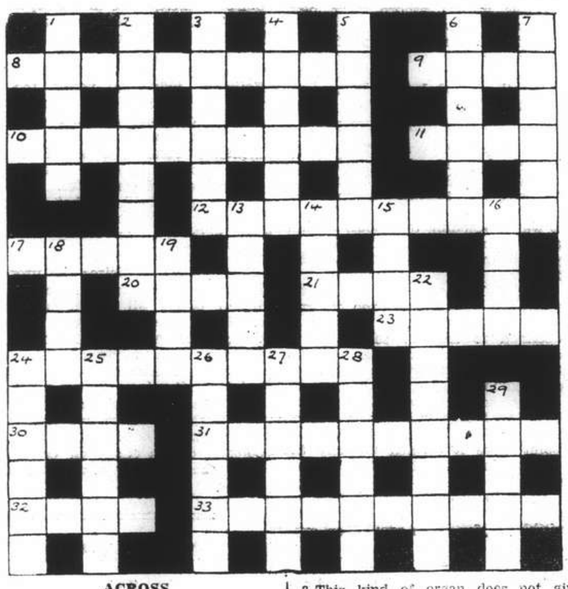
**Tokyo, Japan.**—*21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

### Abridged Programmes

*The letters in parenthesis indicate from which of the above stations the broadcast is made.*

13.10 Xmas music (B)
15.00 "From House to House" (B)
15.30 "Hansel & Gretel" (B)
16.00 ABC Wireless Chorus (A)
16.15 BBC Military Band (D)
16.30 "Random Pages" (A)
16.45 "This is England," 12 (D), Selections (E)
17.00 News (D), in French (P), Special concert (D)
17.30 News (P), C. of E. Service (D)
18.00 "Bach's Xmas Oratorio" (D), Xmas story (A)
18.02 Piano recital (D)
18.15 New Note Octet (A)
18.45 BBC Empire Orchestra (D)
19.00 Concert (B), (P)
19.10 A play (A)
19.40 Xmas-evening service (D)
19.45 Varied till 21.20 (B)
20.00 News (P)
20.30 "This is England," 12 (D)
20.45 Forum Theatre Orchestra (D)
21.00 "The Xmas Tray" (B)
21.30 Sunday evening prog. (B), News (D), in French (P)
21.45 "Gleam of Light from Home" (B)
22.15 Violin recital (D)
22.30 "Festival of Food" (D), "Laughter and Joy" (B)
23.00 Black Dyke Mills Band (D)
23.45 News (B)
00.16 C. of E. service (D)
00.45 Piano recital (D)
01.00 "Christmas in Bethlehem," relayed from that city (D)

## *SUNDAY CROSS WORD No. 475*



### ACROSS

1 Tea may grow on one
5 Life still has its ups and downs, in this dwelling, of course
10 This may turn the scales abroad
11 Poison from a vegetable
12 What the castaway may experience requires more than one line to express
17 A topping feature in milk
20 No doubt this foodstuff could be the making of a young animal
21 A choice expression
22 Apparent from the exerciser of 21 across
24 A salad constituent, perhaps
26 This foreign river may produce a bore
31 Effect is this to the cause
32 A crustacean
33 Cursing can make it oxen race

### DOWN

1 Aptitude has a bright sound
2 Lacking ceremony
3 This kind of organ does not give liquid notes
4 Seems a man of no substance, but he rises high
5 Disclose
6 All cut, and many quit
7 This should not be laid on trifles, and is mostly on a head
12 The proposal is of foreign metal
14 Protection for the swallow, often
15 Changed end of 33 across
16 There is no plenty in this city
18 Roll that is mostly nonsense
19 The open space of an upset chamber
22 Leave
24 Implement that might strain one
25 A product of dearth that tailors use in plenty
26 Case that might have held beer in the beginning
27 Symbol
28 Make a fault in the throw and have a drink
29 A messenger

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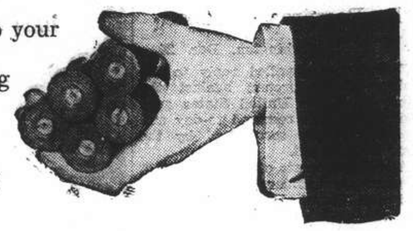

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# From Footlights and Films—Abroad and Here

## CURRENT FILMS

**GRAND.—"Wee Willie Winkie."**—With Shirley Temple, Victor McLaglen, Aubrey Smith, June Lang, Michael Whalen, Cesar Romero, Constance Collier, Douglas Scott, Rudyard Kipling's famous story of life on India's North West frontier. In it Shirley steps out of her cute roles of the past and puts on an acting performance that many an old stager might envy. A picture for the whole family.

**CATHAY.—"Angel."**—Can a good woman love two men at the same time? A fascinating, devastating "Angel," brought to life by glamorous Marlene Dietrich both presents the problem and supplies the surprising answer. The all-star cast includes Marlene Dietrich, Herbert Marshall, Melvyn Douglas, Edward Everett Horton and Herbert Mundin.

**NANKING.—"Way Out West."**—Sad-faced Laurel and pompous, jolly Hardy are a riot of fun from the time they enter the picture across a desert stream with their trick donkey until their fade-out crossing the stream on the way back. It is their first Western and the boys whoop it up as a pair of "tenderheels." In the supporting cast are Sharon Lynne, James Finlayson and Rosina Lawrence.

**METROPOL.—"It's All Yours."**—A scintillating new romantic comedy co-starring Madeleine Carroll and Francis Lederer for the first time on the screen, and Mischa Auer, head the supporting cast which includes Grace Bradley, J. C. Nugent, Victor Kilian and George McKay. Opens to-day.

**CAPITOL.—"High, Wide and Handsome."**—Irene Dunne, Randolph Scott and Akim Tamiroff in drama of U.S. oil fields.

**RIALTO.—"Personal Property"**—Co-starring Jean Harlow and Robert Taylor in the new version of "The Man in Possession," in which Robert Montgomery scored so successfully previously.

## FILMS COMING

**"Slim."**—Pat O'Brien, Henry Fonda, Margaret Lindsay and Stewart Erwin have the leading roles in this tale of life among the linemen who run high-tension wires. Next at the **CAPITOL.**

**"Day at the Races."**—One of the grandest bits of nonsense in the whole Marx of Time parade. Gags that explode with the vim of a firecracker, dialogue that sizzles with insanity and tuneful melodies, are sketched against a background that entangled Groucho, a horse doctor, Harpo, a jockey, and Chico, a tipster. They are supported by Maureen O'Sullivan and Allan Jones. Coming next to the **NANKING.**

**"Souls at Sea."**—With Gary Cooper George Raft, Frances Dee, Olympe Bradna, Henry Wilcoxon, Harry Carey, Porter Hall, Robert Cummings, Virginia Weidler, Joseph Schildkraut. A real life romance taken from the front page of a 100-year-old Philadephia "Public Ledger," this tale of a seaman who took upon himself the right to dispense life and death to a shipwrecked crew was a matter of world-wide comment at the time and was climaxed by the personal intervention of Queen Victoria who wrote to the American president asking clemency for the man who had dared to play God. Coming to the **GRAND.**

**"The Perfect Specimen."**—When a go-getting girl sets out in pursuit of grandma's boy, a six-footer brought up in seclusion who doesn't know his own strength, almost anything may happen—and does. A whirlwind of fun and thrills starring Erroll Flynn, Joan Blondell, Hugh Herbert, Edward Everett Horton, Beverley Roberts, May Robson and Allen Jenkins. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

**"Shall We Dance?"**—The sensational teaming of Rogers and Astaire is full of original ideas, Gershwyn music, stunning sets and completely novel dance routines. The cast is diverting, the songs are delightful the whole thing is de-luxe. Coming next to the **METROPOL.**

**"SHALL WE DANCE?"**

This Rogers-Astaire film, probably the most brilliant of their joint partnership, will be at the Metropol Theatre over the New Year. Unique ballet ensembles enhance the work of the stars.

**"ANGEL"**

One of the smartest of Lubitsch pictures continues to crowd the Cathay Theatre. Marlene Dietrich, Herbert Marshall and Melvyn Douglas are co-starred, with support from Herbert Mundin.

**"WAY OUT WEST"**

Laurel and Hardy continue to attract their admirers at the Nanking Theatre in their first Western venture. Among the associated players are Sharon Lynne and James Finlayson.

**"WEE WILLIE WINKIE"**

Not only for children, but for adults as well, indicates the Grand management about this film, for Shirley Temple and Victor McLaglen are supported by C. Aubrey Smith, June Lang and Michael Whalen.

## TO DINE AND DANCE

**AMBASSADOR.** — Cabaret. Cony's orchestra.

**ARCADIA.**—Cabaret-restaurant. Kalivoda's orchestra. Nick Kniazeff and company. Russian cuisine.

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**TOWER.** — Dining and dancing. Freddy Kaufmann, Jean Kirk and Eric de Reynier.

### PALACE PROPOSALS FOR NEW YEAR EVE

With the Christmas celebrations at the Palace a happy memory to the many guests which attended, and the management also, plans are maturing for a still greater function on New Year Eve. The same keynote will be followed—service, cuisine and carnival, and the augmented orchestra, consisting of members of the Astor and Palace orchestras, will provide music both for dinner and dancing, classical and jazz.

The beautifully decorated premises, lounge and grillroom, will be enhanced by further carnival effects on the gala night, the menu will be in keeping with standards of previous years, while there never has been any question of the competency of the staff of servants.

As on Christmas Eve, the same entertainers will provide relaxation for guests—Serge Lantzoff, the Ganin Sisters and the Astor Trio—presenting, however, and entirely different programme.

### "COPPELIA"

To-day at 2.15 there will be a real children's Christmas festival at the Lyceum Theatre when the most interesting and amusing ballet "Coppelia" will be played for the last time.

Young and old will enjoy alike this splendid ballet which is full of dances, acting and miming, but the scenes of the second act in the workshop of mechanical and animated dolls and the appearance of the very youthful ballerina Marie Masalova will make this show specially enchanting for the younger audience.

In order to give a better opportunity for the young folks to see this show, children will be admitted at half-price to any seat.

### "Cleopatra"

To-morrow night at 8.15 the Russian Ballet will present at the Lyceum Theatre for the last time the famous Arensky's ballet "Cleopatra" and the refined classical ballet by Drigo "Les Millions d'Arlequin".

The entertainment is enchanting and different from other kinds of entertainment offered in Shanghai.

### CATHAY AND TOWER

Both Christmas Eve and yesterday were observed in a fitting manner in the Cathay ballroom and Tower, guests forgetting for the time being the cares of the morrow and enjoying themselves thoroughly. Music by Nick Korin and his melody men in the ballroom enticed itching feet to the polished floor and there were waltzes for the waltzers and jazz for the more nimble-footed, while interspersed tangoes and rhumbas gave ample opportunity for the specialists to "do their stuff." In the Tower Eric du Reynier and Jean Kirk were a great success, both as entertainers and in providing music for the dancers. Similar nights, but on a more elaborate scale are on the programme for the New Year holidays, with several surprises on the part of the management for guests.

### CHANGE OF TIME AT THE CAPITOL

With their screening to-day of "High, Wide and Handsome," the management of the Capitol announce that the evening show will begin at 8.45 p.m. By special arrangement with the bus company, it is stated that the last bus will run from the Capitol Theatre at the conclusion of the show.

Big-scale defiance of the "thirteen" jinx is under way at the 20th Century-Fox studios. Its staff of associate producers numbers thirteen, there are thirteen members in its African expedition, now in Kenya Colony filming scenes for "Stanley And Livingstone"; and on its contract list are thirteen players whose names have thirteen letters each. The list includes Shirley Temple.

**"IT'S ALL YOURS"**

At the Metropol Theatre to-day, the management take pleasure in presenting Madeleine Carroll and Francis Lederer.

**"Breakfast for Two."**—Appearing together for the first time on the screen, Barbara Stanwyck and Herbert Marshall are co-starred as a romantic team. Combining their outstanding talents, these famous stars make this production one of the season's most successful screen hits. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

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**"CIRCUS PRINCESS"**

L. Rosen has a leading part to-night with the Russian Light Opera.

## THE LONDON CINEMA CHRONICLE

### Hollywood Exposes Itself With "Stand In"

### LESLIE HOWARD NOW MUSCULAR HERO

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 28.

Hollywood never seems to tire of telling tales against itself. In this it seems to share a general American characteristic. One cannot well imagine the Denham studios in England having an enjoyable time in turning themselves inside out and exhibiting their comic sores. In "A Star Is Born" the Californian studio professed to be making public something of the tragic side of film life, but it told little more than a conventional sentimental tale.

The newest confessional effort is "Stand In", which debunks the world of pictures more thoroughly and more amusingly than anyone since "A Chance Of A Lifetime." It is almost surprising that producers consider it good business to permit the public so much behind the scenes where they may realize how much is done with the tongue cynically in the cheek. In "Stand In" we have a satirical light thrown on the jungle picture, the glamour queen and the Shirley Temple vogue.

In all senses, Leslie Howard is the hero of this film. It is delightful to see him again in the light comedy mood in which he made "Service For Ladies." He is very ably supported by Joan Blondell who does an unexpected infant imitation and Humphrey Bogart who, for once, is a good man, although his goodness is modified by drink. All the mechanism of a studio in action is fully displayed and the public are permitted to learn something about snow landscapes ten feet long and blinding blizzards which are turned on at a word from the director.

**Toughening Howard**

There have been complaints that Leslie Howard is not sufficiently muscular to be a hero indeed, there have been accusations of down-right effeminacy. Some considered that his Scarlet Pimpernel lacked the right fighting and adventurous quality. For red blood and a ready fist he could not hold a candle to Clark Gable. But in making "Stand In" the director has tried to remedy this defect, if it be a defect. During the greater part of the film, Howard is more sinned against than sinning; that is he receives a number of knocks without retaliation. But at the end he suddenly grows "tough," knocks down one of his tormentors with a straight right, exercises ju-jitsu on another and lands a squashy tomato in the eye of a third. Manliness could not be expected to do more.

But Howard will soon have a chance to continue his career of masculine adventure in fields which will take him far away from opportunities to exercise the gentler qualities. As Lawrence of Arabia he will find his feet well set on the most strenuous path and at the same time he will have a chance to deal with a character of puzzling complexity. There must have been a very considerable element of toughness in the man who risked his life a thousand times and carried out in the most determined manner deadly strategical moves which implied something of the qualities of a Napoleon or a Marlborough.

**English Manners**

Howard is only one of the considerable group of English actors who hold something like a dominating position on the American screen in spite of such rivalry as may be found in Gary Cooper, Walter Houston and Paul Muni, Ronald Colman, Herbert Marshall, Leslie Howard and Charles Laughton are a quartette whose box office attraction cannot be beaten by any other. And yet, for a while,

**"THE PERFECT SPECIMEN"**

Errol Flynn and Joan Blondell will be at the Cathay soon.

American audiences did not like them because of their English voices and pronunciation.

Marshall and Colman do seem to have made a slight concession to the land of their semi-adoption; now and then one detects in their speech more than a trace of the American speech. But Leslie Howard and Charles Laughton have broken down American objections and their completely English speech is accepted wholeheartedly. There is one English actor, popular in any American film in which he appears, who remains completely English to the last vowel and the last consonant. That wonderful old veteran, C. Aubrey Smith, might be a walking personification of the essential England, which, "in spite of all temptations," refuses to be anything else.

The cast for Columbia's "She Married An Artist," in which John Boles and Luli Deste are starred, with Frances Drake, Helen Westley and Alexander D'Arcy in featured roles, was completed recently. The last three players to be signed are James T. Mack, Paul Nichols and Lloyd Whitlock.

**"TOVARICH"**

With the A.D.C. presenting the stage version of this drama in January and Warner Bros. promising the film for February, Shanghai will see "Tovarich" in two versions—both excellent. Locally V. Valin and Mrs. Stella Duff will portray the roles taken by Charles Boyer and Claudette Colbert.

### "TOVARICH"

A great treat is in store for Shanghai playgoers in the next A.D.C. production at the Lyceum Theatre on January 12 and the three following nights. The play deals with the experiences of two Russian aristocrats who after the revolution find themselves as penniless refugees in Paris, it abounds in both highly dramatic and also humorous situations and should appeal to all lovers of high class comedy. The leading parts are in the hands of Mr. V. Valin and Mrs. Stella Duff supported by an exceptionally strong cast including Mrs. Gardner Crane, Miss M. L. Newman and Miss D. Mabas, and Mrs. E. S. Barraclough making her first appearance in the ranks of A.D.C. players. Among the male members are Messrs. M. W. Stranack, D. J. Donne J. S. Chisholm, R. Close, whilst Mr. Philip Gray is also a new recruit to the ranks of the A.D.C.

### "TALES OF HOFFMAN"

The third performance of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman" will take place to-night in the Shanghai Opera House (Canidrome Ballroom), with the full cast participating. The composer's exquisite music is known the world over and when interpreted by such a capable cast of singers as the Russian Grand Opera, nothing derogatory may be said, other than to point out that nearly four hours of song is too much. Scenery and costuming are in keeping with the motif, while Maestro Sloutsky's orchestra are to be complimented on their technically fine rendering. To-night the curtain will rise at 7.30 p.m.

### "CIRCUS PRINCESS"

Kalman's ever-popular "Circus Princess" will be staged for the last time to-night in the Lyceum by the Russian Light Opera, with K. Orlovskaya and V. Valin in the leading roles. L. Rosen, impresario, likewise has a strong part while others in the cast include F. Rox, M. Novatskaya, W. Andreev, W. Tourenin and S. Tomsky. This group of charming and talented vocalists are presenting a delightful subject, well-rehearsed and beautifully-costumed and the "Circus Princess" should provide welcome relaxation after the strenuous Christmas celebrations.

### A.D.C. CLUB EVENING

Members are reminded that a Club Evening will be held at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

The programme is an attractive one including two short plays "E. & O. E." and "Punch and Go" produced by Dr. Miorini and Mr. E. H. S. Low, the evening concluding with a highly artistic and beautiful exhibition of "Living Statuary" by Mrs. K. E. Newman, an item that should certainly not be missed.


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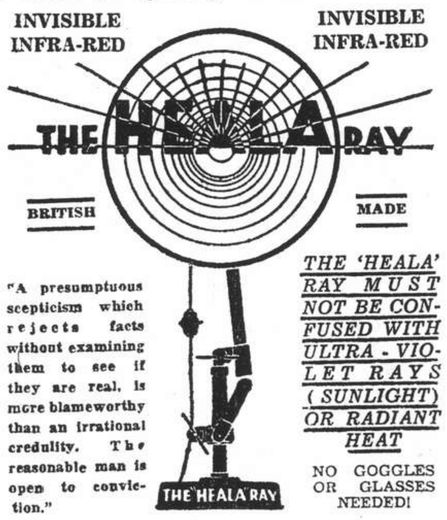


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BY PROTESILAUS

One of the best things about Rugger is that however bad you may be at the game, you always enjoy it as much as an expert player does. That explains why at home in England one sees the amazing sight of Puddlecombe Extra "A" turning out full of spirits every Saturday afternoon to play Sedlescombe "C", or another of their rival teams. And to watch the manner in which these teams battle one another for a good hour and a half, finish the game with three rousing cheers for the other side, and then make for the changing rooms covered with perspiration, their vests and pants in shreds, and their weary persons unrecognizable through a thick disguise of mud, one would think that it was a match between England and Scotland at Twickenham. It was even so with Brinkton Extra "A" team, a side which I graced with my presence for a whole rugger season. It was quite the worst team on the whole of the South Coast. We all knew it in our heart of hearts, but I never heard any member of the team, not even the sorely tried captain, who used to curse and swear at us in an effort to improve our style of play, admit that it was so. We left that for the few spectators who gathered at the touch line and shouted the most discouraging remarks at us throughout the match. But we never had a chance to hear them, so frantic were we in our efforts to prevent the next try from being scored too soon.

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I joined Brinkton Extra "A" during the first season of its existence. Frankly, it was through a feeling of overwhelming pride that I ever joined at all. Not pride in the prowess of the team, but in the supposed knowledge that even I could do better than many of the players. I had reported about four of their matches, and had come to the conclusion that it was far less boring to get on the field and play than to sit right the way through one of their matches as a helpless spectator. I was not too popular in the team, as a constant series of withering remarks had figured in my reports referring to various members of the team by name, and pointing out that whenever their services might be required in the course of a match, they just were not there to give them.

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On the whole, we were a cheery fifteen, and it would have taken a lot to make us really downhearted. We all thoroughly enjoyed the weekly matches, but especially so if they were played against a team on their home ground. Then we would foregather at 11 o'clock of a Saturday morning at the town square, each one wearing a brilliant red and green tie with white stripes, which signified that he was a member of the Brinkton Extra "A" team. We would usually have to wait for an hour or so while one of the more energetic members of the team went to fetch a player who had forgotten that he had to turn out with the side that afternoon. Even when this had been done, we usually found that we were at least one man short. Then we had to call upon the hospitality of the home team to provide us with a player.

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When all that could be hunted up were in their seats, the coach would set off at a high speed, and we would soon be tearing through country lanes on the way to the town whose bottom team we were to meet on the field of battle that afternoon. It was an enjoyable experience, lounging back in the comfortable seat of a fast coach watching hedges flash by, speeding through sleepy little villages, past manor houses set in magnificent paddocks, only a chimney or two showing above the foliage, occasionally glimpsing a magnificent old castle rising in its ruined dignity from the top of a green English hill. It was worth going on those expeditions just to be out in the English countryside, glimpsing its restful and serene appearance beneath the mellow rays of the autumn sun. Looking forward to a good tussle at the other end, we would sit back in a state of perfect bliss while the comfortable coach took us up hill and down dale, through the downland country of East Sussex, which we thought was the most beautiful country in the world.

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It was reeking with history, that calm countryside. Norman archers had fought battles with the Saxon defenders in its shady woods, the army of William the Conqueror had marched across it on its way to Senlac Hill, and the Battle of Hastings, and those castles had seen many a fierce engagement between the feudal lords of old England, who locked themselves behind their moats, their drawbridges and their big iron gates, and dared the enemy to do their worst. That was the first stage of our weekly rugger expeditions—tearing through the Sussex down country on our way to meet the foe, drawing, as it were, inspiration from those rugged castles to fire us for the ordeal to come.

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As we drew near our destination, some brave spirit would pipe forth our battle hymn, and the remainder of the team would bellow the terrifying sound of that stern war-cry. We would subside into rather a morose silence as the coach drew up at the town's Rugby Club headquarters, and fifteen hairy, stalwart players stepped forth to grasp our hands in their big horny palms, and look us up and down, so we thought, with an air of utter disdain. We thought we could discern a contemptuous grin being exchanged behind those powerful palms as we made our way fearfully to the changing rooms. "Oh, we happened to defeat our biggest rivals by 55—nil last Saturday", they would say, as if to hint that they were intending to score double that number of points against us. "And, of course, we have not yet lost a match this season. And the average weight of our side is well over 12 stone"——The sound of their braggings would ring in our ears as we opened battered suitcases, and took forth brilliant coloured sweaters and stockings, and neat pairs of pants which were to be in pieces before the game was through. There would be a touch of dashing nonchalance about us as we ran out on to the field of battle to the sound of two hoarse cries from the only spectators who were there to cheer us.

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By the time that "half-time" arrived, the score was invariably about 15—5, or thereabouts. Flopping down on the muddy ground, we would take big bites at the lemons provided for our refreshment. All too soon came the whistle for the second half. Then we would go all out until the end of the match, and, if we were lucky, score a point or two by the end of the game. Invariably, however, in spite of our best and most courageous efforts, the score was heavily against us. The reason for this, as we told ourselves, was that at least half of the team had never played rugger in their lives before, and, in view of their previous soccer experiences, had developed an unconscious aversion to handling the ball for fear of a foul. There was no science in our play whatever, only a grim determination to do our best, and get behind that try line just as often as we could. The other team's tries we did not bother about, as long as we had done all we could to stop them being scored. It was only our own that really mattered, and for weeks afterwards we would discuss whether "Higgins could have converted if Rogers had scored a little more between the posts", and other academical points which to us were of great moment.

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As the cheers from both sides died away, we would saunter wearily off the field in the direction of the shower room, strip off our ragged garments, and in a cloud of steam wipe off the marks of the day's play. When all were properly attired once more, we would board the coach, and make for some little cafe, perhaps by the riverside, where a roaring fire would be awaiting our chilled bodies, in addition to piles of cake, and steaming cups of tea. A merry crowd of young men would gather afterwards around the fire, light pipes and cigarettes, laugh and chat among themselves until it was time to go.

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With that delightful feeling of fitness and exhilaration which comes after hard exercise, we would lie back as the coach flashed through the darkness, through town and village along lonely country lanes deserted except for the passing headlights of a car rumbling through the night. On the way back, we would draw up at an old inn by the wayside, have a glass of delicious home-brewed cider, indulge in a game or two of darts, and then start on our way once again. As 11 o'clock struck by the town clock, our coach would pull up at the square, and discharge a tired and delightfully sleepy rugger team. Handclasps and shouts of "See you again next Saturday" would speed us on our way. As the clock chimed midnight, and a pale, sickly, wintry moon shone out over the housetops, many a third-rate rugger player such as ourselves, in many a town and village in those parts of England where rugger thrives, would be in a state of half-sleep, thinking dreamily of the afternoon's game, looking forward to next Saturday's match, and to every Saturday afternoon until the end of the rugger season.

## *Wisdom from the "Weeklies"*

**Children's Crimes** On juvenile crime the "Economist" has the following note: Sir Samuel Hoare, in a few brief months at the Home Office, has firmly associated his name with penal reform. Part of the new session of Parliament will be taken up by the improvement of prison conditions. Meanwhile, a dual attempt is to be made to reach the very roots of crime. The criminal of to-morrow is distressingly often the juvenile delinquent of to-day. Since the beginning of 1933 a new system of special courts and remand homes has been in operation which, incidentally, goes far to explain the apparently disturbing rise in 1935 in the statistics of youthful crime. Recently, Sir Samuel Hoare announced two forthcoming Enquiries. One will examine scientificially the causes of juvenile crime. The other, armed with the large knowledge of the Board of Education and its advisors about "backward" children, will estimate the correlation between "dullness" and crime in children. We have already moved some way in this country from primitive conceptions of punishment. We can even see that, at times, the doctor or psychologist is more useful in the treatment of crime than the policeman or warder. These enquiries will extend still further a movement which is based not on sentiment, but on the growth of knowledge. Meanwhile, it is essential that magistrates use the facilities of the new courts and procedure for juveniles as they are meant to be used. There is still far too great a discrepancy in practice between one district and another.

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**Army Pensions** We have received, says "Truth" the following letter from a senior army officer, now retired, who uses the rather extraordinary pseudonym of "Bootrail," and commend his letter to the notice of the Minister for War: "The retired British officer may be the most long-suffering of individuals, but surely it is about time that he made inquiries concerning the alleged restoration of the 'cuts' which were made in his pension at the time of the depression, which has so confidently and officially been declared to be at an end. As far as I can recollect, my own pension was cut down (as a supposedly temporary measure) by some £30 or £40 per annum, and then, after several years, about £6 or £7 per annum was restored—or some sufficiently 'adequate' sum to enable a Minister to get up in the House of Commons and unctuously declare that the 'cuts' had been 'restored.' Then, too, by another unworthy dodge, the rate of pension (as cut down) was arbitrarily fixed according to a supposed cost of living scale, just as this scale happened to be at the lowest point which it was ever likely to reach. I asked at the time what would happen should the cost of living rise (as, of course, it has since done, and as it is now doing), but got no reply. Of all the discreditable meannesses, this juggling with an earned and awarded pension—specially when it is officially denied—is about the worst!"

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**Patient Cured** From under the heading "Did You Hear That?" in the "Listener" the following is taken: "I have been told that patients often are scared of doctors," said a doctor. "I can assure them that no patient is ever so scared as many a young doctor is scared by patients. Particularly if recently rich, they are not infrequently terrifying. Whatever the doctor does is wrong. The time of his arrival is too early, or it is too late. Whichever it be, he is kept waiting indefinitely in a room, stuffy in summer, icy-cold in winter, and when at last he is taken upstairs, he is greeted with grumblings. I remember very well a rich old woman of that sort. I was doing a locum in the North of England, and I was very young and inexperienced. She was exceedingly rude to me, and I determined to get my own back. I did. I put her on a most forbidding diet. I gave her certain nauseating remedies. To my great surprise she carried out my orders. The result was disastrous—she got well. I was never forgiven. The nasty old woman lost the complaint which was her main interest in life. The doctor for whom I had been acting lost a patient who was a potent source of income to him. That taught me a lesson. I know now what I didn't know then, that there are people who, quite cheerfully, will pay out good money to a doctor on condition that he does not take from them their most cherished possession, the right to make themselves a nuisance to everybody about them."

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**U.S.-Anglo Commerce** On matters of high policy the Prime Minister said little of substance at the Guildhall Banquet, according to the "New Statesman and Nation." The journal goes on to say: Expressions of satisfaction at our material prosperity (with the usual rebuke for those observers who descry signs of trade recession) combined with pious hopes of peace in the Far East and general betterment of international relations—these form the common denominator of ministerial oratory. One piece of news, however, Mr. Chamberlain did communicate. Informal talks with the United States, he said, on the subject of a trade agreement had begun. Whether they will end in any substantial abatement of tariffs is another matter. If President Roosevelt is to concede lower duties even on imports of British textiles and other specialities which could enter the U.S. market in larger quantities without serious disturbance to American industry, he must secure in turn a reduction in the British tariff on cereals, fruit and farm products, to say nothing of motor cars. If the President could overcome opposition from his own farming interests and reduce the U.S. tariff on primary products such as wool, butter and canned milk from the Dominions, the Commonwealth might be willing to modify the preferences embodied in the Ottawa agreements and let the United States have the benefit of an intermediate British tariff, provided always that Mr. Chamberlain can quell the protests of agriculturists in this country. The whole problem bristles with difficulties, and, if trade depression in the U.S.A. grows worse, even the present slender chances of agreement may be lost.

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**Musical Memories** When I hear Brahms the feeling in my breast
Surge like the waves on some Atlantic shore;
Beethoven churns the heart within my chest
And Bach cantatas crush me to the core.

I feel benevolent and kind to Mozart's themes,
All-powerful to Wagner loomed by basses,
And Delius wafts me woozily to dreams
Of nobler lives led in more pleasant places.

My thoughts are wise and beautiful and rare
To bits of Bruckner blown down a bassoon;
The slightest breath of Handel in the air
And I am in a deep ecstatic swoon.

Debussy makes me dance just like a fairy,
Lambert and Walton cause me to enthuse.
While to the strains of Mendelssohn I vary
From high hysteria to the darkest blues.

Yet I confess that when my spirits fail
Only the sloppiest tripe can make me glad;
And I'd not trade the saxophonist's wail
For all the Paganinis to be had.

Alas! if I would be completely happy,
My cup filled to the brim with quiet joys,
I'd listen all day long to little snappy
Dance tunes played by various Harry Roys.

This is a shameful thing. I know I oughter
Prefer Ravel to Kern—but I must say
There's nothing like cantabile Cole-Porter
To drive the most Cimmerian clouds away.

—V.G. in "Punch."

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**Great Actor** Observer in "Horse and Hound" says: The matchless beauty of the voice of the late Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, whose death occurred recently at the age of 84, will ever be remembered by those old enough to remember seeing him either in the plays of Shakespeare in the eighties and nineties of last century, or, at a later period, in those of Henry Arthur Jones, John Davidson, Jerome or Henry James. Sir Johnston's experiences were remarkable in that he played at Astley's with Ellen Terry, was with the Calvert company at Manchester for many months, next played at the Gaiety with Samuel Phelps, joined the Bancrofts, and was with Irving, Mary Anderson, and Hare in many of their triumphs. His Hamlet could only be described as a thing of grace and beauty. From childhood to the end of his days Sir Johnston lived in an atmosphere of beauty at his father's home at Charterhouse, in France, and finally at St. Margaret's Bay, where he passed away. One who knew him intimately has put it on record that in private life the motley was seldom worn, for he was a man abounding in kindlines, understanding and charity.

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**Lulled To Sleep** How many stern unbending teetotallers listened in to the recent "Wine" broadcast, comments Janus in the "Spectator" there is no means of knowing. But not many of them, I imagine, sent in protests. There was nothing to protest about, except a most abysmal dullness; whatever any one expected, he can hardly have been prepared for a succession of young men declaiming bits of poetry about wine in the kind of accents that are, happily, never heard in normal life. I speak subject to one reserve. Anything, for all I know, may have happened in the last ten minutes, for sleep had finally overcome me by then.

## THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yesterday | Min. 33.0 | Max. 47.0 |
| Same date, 1936 | Min. 34.0 | Max. 43.5 |

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recordings:—

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|---|---|---|
| Yesterday | Min. 30.9 | Max. 49.6 |
| Same date, 1936 | Min. 35.4 | Max. 45.5 |

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 24th:—Siberian anticyclone spreading over China and Korea. Depression to the west of Kiusiu, moving east-north-eastward. Freshening winter monsoon along the China Coast. Fine, cloudy and cold weather in the north. Improving in our valley.

State on the morning of the 25th:—Cloudy, rather fine and cold weather. Fresh north-north-westerly wind. High and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and cold weather with snow in places and fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds around Shantung. Cloudy and cold with morning mist and fresh northerly to north-easterly breezes over our Coasts. Overcast with regular to strong north-easterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

## IN PARENTHESIS

**Collective**

TEACHER: "Name three collective nouns."

Tommy: "Fly-paper, wastebasket and vacuum-cleaner."

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**Foresight!**

FIRST Student: The Dean says he is going to stop smoking in the college.

Second Student: Huh! Next thing he'll be asking us to stop it, too.

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**Smack!**

"WHEN Robinson returned from abroad he fell on his face and kissed the ground of his native town?"

"Emotion?"

"No; banana skin!"

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**Why?**

A LITTLE girl was taken by her father to accompany him on his round of golf. It was her first time out with him on the course, and, after a time, she said: "Daddy, why mustn't the ball go into the little hole?"

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**A Wangle**

"AND," said the angry golfer, at the conclusion of a long and bitter argument, "the next golf club I join will be for gentlemen only."

"Really," said his lady antagonist sweetly, "is somebody going to wangle you in?"

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**Reflective**

"WELL, Billy," said the hostess at the children's party, "you appear to be in deep thought."

"Yes," replied Billy, "Mummy told me something to say if you *should* ask me to have some more cake or ice-cream or anything—and I've forgotten what it was!"

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**Pertinent**

"YOU have heard," said the barrister, "what the last witness said, and yet your evidence is to the contrary. Am I to infer that you doubt her veracity?"

"Not at all," replied the witness. "I merely wish to make it clear what a liar I am if she is speaking the truth."

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**Price of Courage**

"YES," said the meek-looking little man, "I took your advice and told my wife straight out that she couldn't henpeck me any more."

His friend patted him on the back.

"Splendid!" he said. "Now you can hold your head up."

The little man winced.

"Yes," he replied doubtfully, "but it's still pretty sore and bruised."

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**Retirement**

"Is not work almost too much for you, my friend?" asked the new vicar. "You must be a great age."

"Yessir," mumbled the old bell-ringer. "'Ow many years I've tolled this bell I can't tell ye, but it's beginning to tell on me. 'Owsomever, I've rung the bell for five dead vicars——"

"Dear me!" ejaculated the minister.

"And," continued the sexton, "I'll be happy when I've made up the 'alf dozen. I think I'll retire then."

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**C.O.D.**

"THE world is a very small place," said the bore, as he took his seat in the smoking-room of the village inn. "Now, listen to this:

"Last year in Paris I met a man who lives in the same street as I do. Later on I met him in Venice, then in Rome, again in Alexandria, and, finally I crossed the Channel with him on the way home. Now what do you think of that?"

"Well," said the fed-up listener in the corner, "why didn't you pay him what you owed him in the first place?"

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**All Gone**

HE wanted to join the Army, and was passed into the barracks by the sentry at the gate and given instructions as to where to go to receive admission into the ranks. Unfortunately, he lost his way, and wandered about among the barrack buildings until he met a sergeant-major.

"Well, my lad," said the latter, "and what do you want?"

"Please, sir, I've come for a soldier," said the youngster.

"You can't have one, son, they're all on parade."

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**Rain Story**

Two young Englishmen, new to Scottish moors, were the laird's guests, and members of his stalking party. During the morning they were requested by their host to take Jock, a rather mettlesome hill pony, across to an adjoining moor and there wait for the main party to join them.

"Jock won't give any trouble," he assured them, "so long as you keep the rein off his tail."

A short time later, their host enquired how they had fared with Jock.

"Oh, quite all right," replied one of the men. "When the rain came on, we took turns to hold a mackintosh over his tail."

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**Postal Wags**

THE story of the New York official who wrote on an envelope: "Try England—Island off Europe," and thus ensured delivery of a letter which had been first sent to London, Ontario, has recalled to a correspondent an incident early in his business career.

As a junior in a Manchester office, it was his duty to address envelopes. Having on one occasion to send a letter to an Aberdeen firm named Saint, he addressed it by mistake to Edinburgh. It reached the intended mark, however, for the firm was well known throughout Scotland.

A wag in the Edinburgh Post Office had written on the envelope: "No Saints in Edinburgh. Try Aberdeen."

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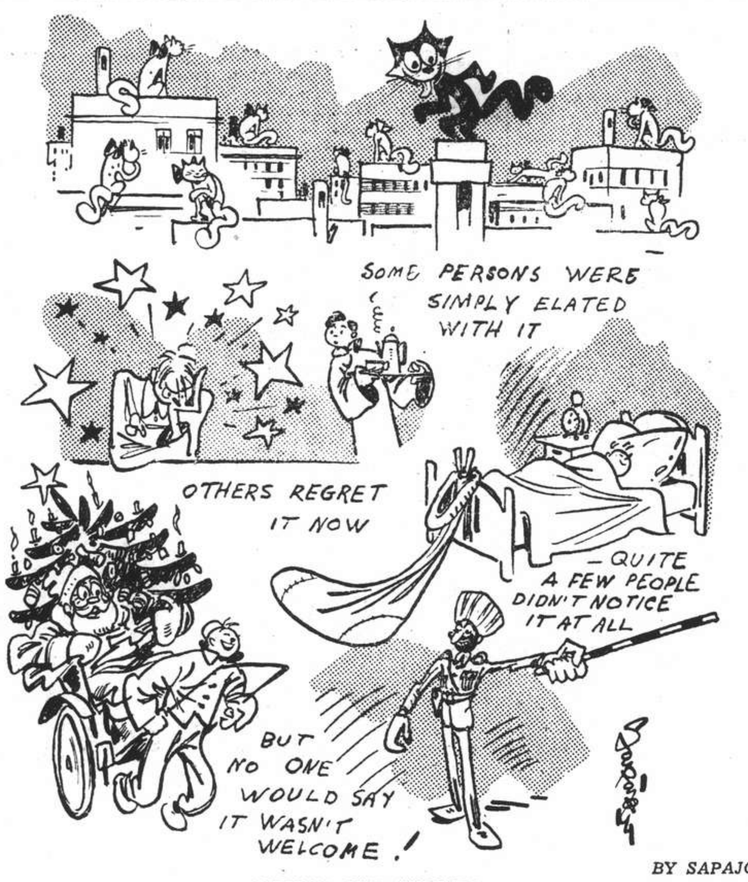
**The "Man" Again**

THE dentist was about to leave with his wife for an evening at the theatre when the telephone rang. Replying to the call, he listened to a prospective patient's request, and annoyed his wife by assuring the caller that he was at liberty and would be glad to give treatment immediately.

Hanging up the receiver with a smile, he turned to his indignant wife, who demanded an explanation.

"You know our seats have been booked for a week and I was so looking forward to the show. Why on earth did you offer to see a patient immediately and spoil my night out?"

"Well, my dear, I'm sorry for you, really," he replied, "but that was the income-tax collector, and he sent me a final demand note this morning! Could I miss such a chance—I ask you!"


SOME PERSONS WERE SIMPLY ELATED WITH IT
OTHERS REGRET IT NOW
— QUITE A FEW PEOPLE DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT ALL
BUT NO ONE WOULD SAY IT WASN'T WELCOME!
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LIFTING THE CURFEW

# TSINGTAO MILLS WRECKED

## Great Panic Among Populace as Planes Come Over: Ships Sunk in Inner Harbour

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Tsingtao, Dec. 18.

Brought about probably as a result of the troops here under Gen. Yu Hsueh-chung (51st Army) having received instructions from higher authorities to evacuate Tsingtao, there was great excitement here among the population as a strict state of emergency was declared this afternoon with curfew at 6 p.m. The mill districts of Ssufang and Tsangkow were again ordered to be evacuated—a large number of the residents there having drifted back since the first evacuation at the beginning of this month—and preparations, it seems, were made ready for destroying the Japanese cotton mills located there.

As this extreme step does not come within the scope of the civil administration at the moment, it was probably dictated by the military authorities and the fact of Japanese property having remained inviolate up to the present, is proof of the present administration's desire to save Tsingtao from the horrors of "military necessity" and war, but as a result of the relentless Japanese destruction of life and property elsewhere, it does not seem possible that their property here can eventually escape destruction, inasmuch as China seems determined to carry on their resistance and Japan equally set on a *fait accompli*—no matter the cost, on either side.

Foreign residents were warned of the state of emergency by their respective consulates, having received intimation from the Administration, and naturally, a state of tenseness and expectancy hangs over the city.

Telegrams are of course being censored and due to the Japanese seizure of the Chinese postal and telegraphic services in Shanghai, cables to your city are deviated—going first to Hongkong and then re-transmitted to Shanghai, thus incurring a double charge.

**Mayor for Peace and Order**

It has been persistently rumoured here and these rumours have also been "exported" to the effect that the local Municipal authorities are receiving a monthly subsidy from millowners in Japan to protect and prevent damage to their property here and on broaching the matter to those concerned, your correspondent was emphatically informed that these rumours are malicious lies spread to discredit the Mayor, who has been doing his best to preserve peace and order. However, if and when the necessity arises, it is the opinion that he will perforce, have to follow out his line of duty as circumstances dictate.

All banks, Chinese and foreign, are functioning normally and have not been closed and there has been no panic as was mentioned in some of the papers recently. On the 1st of this month, vessels alongside the wharves were ordered to clear and anchor in the outer harbour after sunset as a precautionary measure, but this order was rescinded the following day. One of the North China papers of the 13th carried an alleged statement by a Japanese Consular spokesman to the effect that Admiral Shen was "overwhelmed" by communist influences which had entered into and were operating in Tsingtao, but this news does not seem to be founded on fact.

**Half Population Gone**

The population here since the inception of the troubles in this port has decreased by perhaps more than 50 per cent. and by every vessel leaving Tsingtao, more go. The train service to Tsinanfu has been augmented and at present there are two trains running daily. The parcel post service which was disrupted at the beginning of the month, has now been restored. The Social Bureau, under Commissioner F. T. Ley, has been taking steps to regulate the price of coal and arrange for facilities to increase local stocks which are running low, and the price for household quality is now controlled at $22 per ton—profiteering is not permitted and is punishable.

Residents are faced with a comparatively heavy refugee problem and the International Relief Committee is tackling the problem to the best of their abilities with public donations. There are over 5,000 destitute Chinese to be cared for—2,000 of these are workless Tsingtao millhands and their families and the other 3,000 are mostly natives of Hopei who fled their homes during the fighting in the North and are now unable to return there.

Symbolical of the close friendship between the U. S. and H. M. navies, a race meeting was held here on December 5, participated in by the officers and personnel of the U. S. S. Marblehead and H. M. S. Suffolk, under the auspices of the Paper Hunt Club. There were six races in all. There was a race for "bearers," another for "snotties," one for officers, a relay race with teams of six a side and two others. The rig-outs of some of the jockeys were a joy for the eyes, and considering that some of the lads had only commenced learning to ride here, a few short weeks ago, it was surprising that there were no stretcher cases.

Some of the boys exhibited real rodeo skill in hanging on and the public who were charged an entrance fee for the privilege of participating in the sweeps and betting, thoroughly enjoyed the fun and did not resent losing for the sweet cause of charity. About $500 was realized for the Refugee Fund. The meet ended in a draw between the two competing ships, as each won three events and prizes in the shape of cups and shields were awarded to the winners by Mrs. Campbell, wife of the Commissioner of Customs, who very graciously complimented them on their unsuspected skill in equine navigation.

**Terrific Explosions**

While writing the above, a long series of terrific explosions is rending the air, and the sky in the direction of the mill districts is lit up bright, with a heavy pall of smoke drifting out to sea in a northerly direction. A cold north wind is blowing—the time is now 10 p.m. and since 8 p.m. the detonations have been continuous. It is apparent that the long-anticipated destruction of the Japanese cotton mills is under way. What the next few days or hours will bring, remains to be seen.

At 7.30 a.m., three more loud explosions were heard and at 8 a.m. the screeching sirens announcing the approach of Japanese planes was heard and three planes passed overhead. More planes came over during the course of the morning, each being heralded by the screaming sirens. Apparently these planes are observing only, as no bombs were dropped. The postal service has again been disrupted, shops are closed and a nervous tension prevails, while in between the visits of the planes, when traffic in the streets is resumed, people with bags, baggage and their wordly possessions are hurrying and scurrying to imagined safety.

**Japanese School Blown Up**

Besides the mills involved in last night's destructive operations a Japanese school at Ssufang was also blown up and the detonations heard this morning were caused by the blowing up and sinking of a large crane and dredger (anchored in the inner harbour) belonging to the Fu Chung Corp. a Japanese concern, who were recently awarded the contract and were engaged on wharf extensions and improvements here.

Shipping at the wharves moved out and anchored in the outer harbour last night and those scheduled to sail took on their passengers from sampans off the Pacific Road Pier, just opposite the International Club. Among the vessels which moved into the outer harbour was the Glenogle.

A number of old Chinese warships and launches were also sunk in the inner harbour this morning to form a boom to prevent the entry of ships, thus neutralizing the value of the wharves, for some time at least, for a possible projected landing there.

All manner of rumours are prevalent among the various classes of the population and this has consequently led to confusion worse confounded with the result that carts, carriages, cars and rickshaws loaded with passengers, clothing, furniture, household effects and stock-in-trade are going in all directions of the compass and going to what they consider "better 'oles."

There were three air alarms to-day, but the planes were apparently only on reconnaissance work.

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Without leaving the box the jury at the Sussex Assizes at Lewes found Theodore Smith, 32, described as a dealer, of Stoke Lane, Somerset, Not Guilty of a serious offence against a girl of 15 at Albourne, Sussex, and he was discharged.

# AUSTRALIANS MAN JAPANESE SHIP

## Refuse Third-Class Berths On Home Voyage

### DAIREN THE SCENE OF VIGOROUS PROTEST

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Dairen, Dec. 7.

Little except bad weather is allowed to interfere with the punctual sailing of a Japanese vessel and yet when the Kokuryu Maru left Dairen for Japan on December 7 it was not until the ship had been held up for 25 minutes. And the weather had nothing to do with it. The delay was caused by 30 Australians who had formed a scratch crew on the British ship Silksworth, Sydney to the Far East, who had refused definitely to travel back to their country in third-class accommodation which had no European facilities.

The trouble all started in Sydney when the cargo boat Silksworth, loaded for Far Eastern ports could obtain no Chinese crew. The Chinese, maintaining that there was cargo on board which was destined as materia. for the use of the Japanese troops in China, refused point-blank to go on board. Nothing could convince them that the vessel was taking ordinary cargo to the Orient. Impassively they held out.

The steamships, though of British registry, is chartered to the Yamashita Steamship Co., and when their ordinary crew could not be mustered the agents in Sydney had to set about finding some sort of a crew to take the vessel North. Eventually this was gathered up to the number of 30 with a regular and fully accredited chief steward as well.

The scratch crew was garnered from all walks of life. According to one of the men themselves a major from the army, a station hand, a baker and a policeman were among this varied crew. Few had ever done any sailing. None had been on a vessel to work for many years. Most of them had had no experience in ship's work at all. Anyway the boat at last left Sydney and in due course arrived in Dairen which was the destination for the crew.

**Objected to Hotel Rooms**

When the Silksworth arrived in this port the crew came ashore. Shown a lesser form of hotel they declared they would have nothing to do with it and they were transferred to one of better calibre. The chief steward took a room at the local Yamato Hotel and there remained until the day of departure.

While they were ashore their expenses were paid by the Yamashita Co.; their pay which was £20 per month went on steadily which it would do until they landed back in Australia. They were dissatisfied, however, with the third-class quarters on the Kokuryu Maru and insisted that they should travel second-class. After some negotiation this was arranged and they left after holding the boat up for 25 minutes.

Meanwhile there was the question of the chief steward who ranked as an officer of the ship. His contention was that if the crew could travel second-class he should naturally go first. Negotiations began and while the hullabaloo on the ship was going on he came ashore to take the matter up at the local agent's office.

When he got back to the docks the Kokuryu Maru had already pulled out but some thoughtful person had put his baggage ashore. The boat was chased out beyond the breakwater but remained elusive and the chief steward then spent another night at the Yamato Hotel to leave the following day by train through Korea for Kobe where he would join the boat arranged for the rest of the Australians.

In Dairen the Silksworth took on a fresh crew of Japanese and sailed for Shimizu and Yokohama on the first part of her voyage.

As to the Australians they declared that they were, during such times as these, in luck. A trip to the Far East and the voyage back again with the pay moving ahead all the while, they said was 'bonzer.' As one of them said, "I'll land back in Aussie with 50 or 60 quid—and that's not so bad nowadays!"

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BARONESS von Eichelburg, former lady-in-waiting to Empress Elizabeth of Austria, died at the alms-house of Bratislava on Tuesday. The deceased, who belonged to one of the oldest families in the country, lost her large fortune many years ago by going surety for a relative whose subsequent bankruptcy left her destitute. She was admitted to the Bratislava alms house where she has been living ever since.


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# —CLUES—

**ACROSS**

1. One cannot see without this.
4. Certainly not a city.
10. These are made with the mouth.
13. To place a value upon.
14. A tree.
16. A list.
17. French town and palindromic.
18. Part of the head.
20. Raced.
23. Hard to catch.
24. Promises.
26. Looms or comes out of.
29. A foot malady.
30. Dogs sometimes make quick work of these.
32. Rage? Or an odour?
35. Abdominal mark or a kind of orange.
37. Events.
38. Any grain.
39. Came in.
40. Brighten up.

**DOWN**

2. Set in.
3. Listen; give ear.
5. To mend, better or rectify.
6. A bird.
7. Making a face.
8. Garments.
9. Hard; stern.
11. Roofing material.
12. Japanese coin.
15. Artery for traffic.
19. A title.
21. Race development.
22. One cannot speak to this.
24. A fisherman.
25. Another name for the Serbs or the Croats.
26. Nothing odd about this.
27. To ascribe or impute.
28. Often found on the seashore.
31. Bag.
33. "A mule" anagram. They are Mohammedan scholars.
34. Part of the head.
36. Kind of meat.

**Sealed**

The Solution to this puzzle has been deposited with the North-China Daily News.

# HOLIDAY PUZZLE CONTEST

## $200 PRIZE

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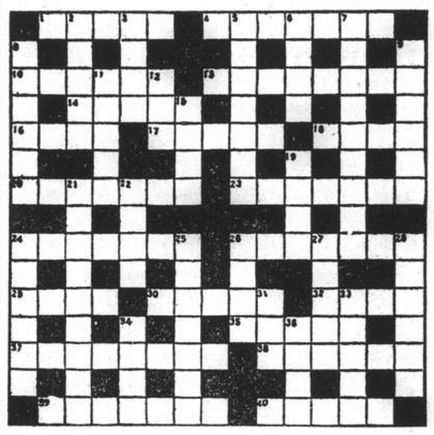

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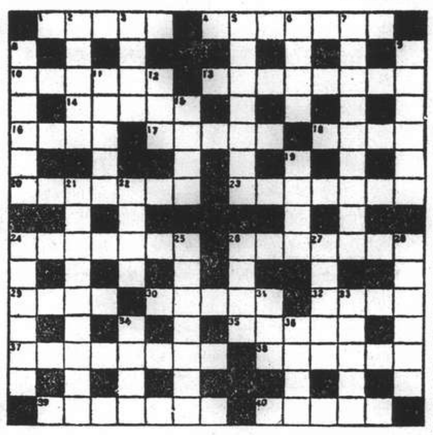

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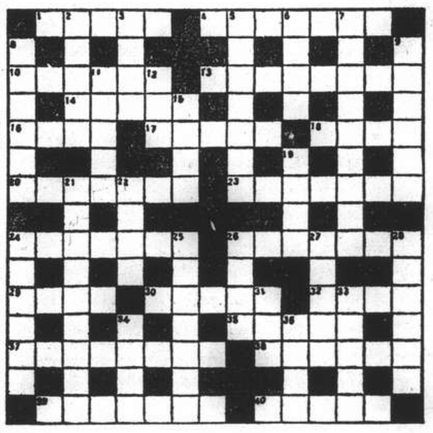

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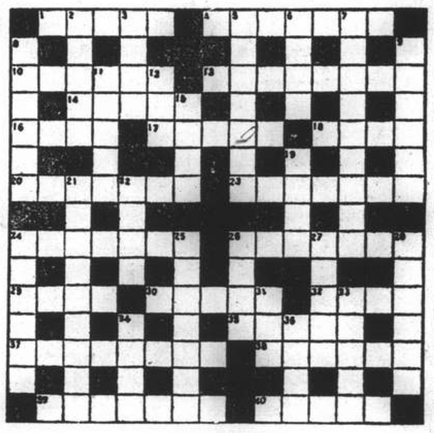

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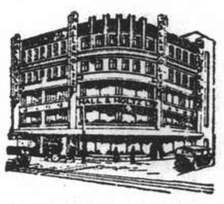

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# French Team Defeat S.F.A. in Charity Cup Soccer Match

## FIVE THOUSAND SPECTATORS AT CANIDROME

### A.S.F. Again Prove to be Dangerous Second Half Team by Rallying with Exciting Scoring Spree

A CROWD of over five thousand attended the Canidrome Charity game between the A.S.F., and the S.F.A. which ended in a win for the League Champions by seven goals to four. At half-time the Select led by three goals to one, and had they possessed a centre forward who could have made full use of the many through passes sent down the middle by both Talbot and Jack, they would have turned over at half-time with a bigger lead. The game was replete with thrills, and once again the A.S.F. demonstrated what a dangerous side they are in the second half, when they pressed continually for the first twenty-five minutes, during which time they scored five goals.

The Select half-back line played strongly in the first half, but lost its grip in the second half; Victal played a fine game throughout and was easily the outstanding man in defence.

Collet again proved a reliable defender constantly saving his side, and he showed fine anticipation in moving forward to intercept passes.

In front, the forwards were always dangerous, Favacho was given more room to move in than he ought to have been given, Shute rarely covering the winger. The teams lined up as under:—

A.S.F.—Boissezon, Collet, Marcal, Neuborg, Seagalin, Bell, Favacho, Belinky, Roboostoff, Bossuet, and Ward.

S.F.A.—Loh, Victal, Shute, Hsu, Costa, Symons, Foyn, Jack, Carenza, Talbot, and Aldeguar.

Mr. Hale officiated, and The Senior Consul, Mr. N. Aall kicked off.

**Play Opens**

The Select attacked and Carenza was sent away as the result of a nice through pass by Alec. Jack, but the centre was slow and Marcal cleared. Foyn then crossed for Bell to concede a corner. Collet was penalized for fouling Aldeguar but cleared the free kick, and then Segalin conceded a corner as Talbot worked the ball forward. Carenza headed two successive crosses from his wingers into Boissezon's hands. The pressure on the French goal was relieved and the Champions attacked. Shute blocked a Bossuet shot which rebounded and "Pussy" lobbed it in, to see Shute head for a corner as Loh tried to contact the ball, Ward putting over a lovely ball for Favacho to head into the net (7 mins.)

This seemed to spur the Select to greater effort. Foyn placed for Carenza to shoot across the goal mouth. Some concerted movements by the Selected ended with Boissezon being in position to deal with the several shots sent his way. Talbot and Jack were responsible for some nice opening movements which were wasted due to the weakness in the middle or the failure of Foyn to tackle Marcal who cleverly intercepted balls sent towards the winger.

Jim Ward then fired well past a Robostoff pass, and a minute later put over a Favacho cross from close in.

**Three Chances**

Carenza was given three chances to score. Alec Jack sent down the middle between the backs but the centre was slow and Collet, running across cleared, then Talbot placed for Carenza to send in a grounder which brought Boissezon to his knees, and then Aldeguar presented him with a glorious chance which was wasted. The Select were playing much better than the Champions and held territorial advantage, but found the defensive work of Collet hard to break down. In the 38th., minute they equalized. Di Di Costa placed to Jack who again sent in a lovely pass for Carenza to score with a fast low grounder.

The Select went further ahead after 41 minutes play when Talbot fired in a surprise shot which appeared to catch Boissezon napping. The keeper carried the ball over the line as Carenza changed to make sure of the goal. Then Talbot dazzled with brilliant ball control and gave to Carenza. Collet fouled him just outside the area and Costa with a strong shot scored from the free kick (43 mins.)

**Second Half**

The Champions reduced the leeway in the first minute when Shute turned a shot from Favacho into the net out of the reach of Loh. Two minutes later they were level; Favacho crossed and Jim Ward who had moved into the middle sent a rising shot into the back of the net.

The Champions went ahead in the 7th., minute, when Bossuet who was undoubtedly off-side, headed home after the ball had hovered around the Select goal-mouth.

Shute was penalized just outside the area, and Marcal netted to increase the lead of the Champions. (14 mins.).

Three minutes later, Favacho crossed to Ward who placed the ball for Robostoff to net as Shute stood watching the centre, without tackling.

Di di Costa then sent a through pass down the middle and Carenza flicked it past Marcal and then placed it in the net out of the reach of Boissezon. (22 mins.).

Bossuet then scored from a Ward pass as Shute stood by without tackling after 31 mins., for the final goal of the game. Although the Select made strenuous efforts to reduce the leeway with Bell now adopting a third back role, the gaps in the rear were closed, and the Champions ran out worthy winners.

**Proceeds for Charity**

The football match contributed funds to charity from a variety of sources. Tickets sold at the gate netted $1,200. At the auction of various articles, the football was purchased by Mr. N. F. Aall and Mr. Eric Moller. In the auction, $120 was collected. Mr. Grimshaw took a collection at the match and here, about $110 was contributed. The ball was presented by Mr. Grimshaw to Bossuet, captain of the winning team.

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Ellsworth Vines, famous American lawn tennis player, underwent an operation for a muscle injury received during last year's tour with Fred Perry.

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Death is reported of Mr. D. C. Hawtin, for seven years a director of Northampton Town, for whom he frequently played as an amateur back in the years immediately following the war.

## GYMKHANA PROVES GAY AFFAIR

### Germany Takes Jumping Honours with Good Display

### BIG CHRISTMAS CROWD ON HAND

By The Squire

Yesterday's gymkhana was a real "Christmasy" affair, and the Columbia Riding School was packed to capacity with most of the people who normally would be at the Christmas hunt.

The great event, of course, was the International Jumping Competition, nine nations entering teams and all competing. Better jumping was seen yesterday than at any previous gymkhana and the first few teams were very close together indeed, Germany, who won, making a wonderful impression on spectators by riding ponies that had quite obviously been really well schooled.

America jumped first and scored 277½ points. Judging was on the usual system, but to make things easier for spectators, to whom the announcer gave the faults of each team as they completed their round, faults were deducted, for individual riders, from one hundred, the resulting score being given as points, so that each team could score three hundred points (there were three competitors in each team). Powell made the best round for America, on Skewy, having only four and a half faults, and his team eventually came in third. . .

Needless to say, there were several amusing incidents, but no falls, although one or two competitors went "very close to the mark," especially Miss Elsie Soong, who, jumping for China, made an extremely plucky round, and fully deserved the great ovation she was given on its completion. Sammy Yuan, in the same team, had the misfortune to find Spriglet on one of his 'off' days, which robbed China of getting a place as he had eighteen and a half faults.

Germany (Mrs. Siemssen on Tasso 1½ faults, Hille on Vogelwiesel—½ fault and Eggers on Leckermaul—6 faults) with a total of 292 points beat the second team, Ireland (Ford on Luckow—2 faults, D'arcy Irvine on I-Ping—1½ faults and Hermon on Bugle Ann—8½ faults) by four points.

A pleasing feature of the gymkhana was the support from the army. The English team had two members of the Loyals, the Irish two members of the Durham Light Infantry, whilst the Welsh was composed entirely of officers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The nine teams scored the following points—Germany first with 292 points, Ireland second with 288 points, America third with 277½ points (Harris on Clicky, Rodger on Big Bill and Powell on Skewy), and then 4th, Russia (Kikoriantz on Loki, Zarianko on White Hunter and Sokoloff on Tempest) with 276½ points, 5th, Wales (Boyle on J35, Harrison on Ballyhale and Minshull Ford on Wild Morn) with 273 points, 6th China (Jimmy Yuan on Chrysler, Sammy Yuan on Spriglet and Miss Elsie Soong on Cremorne) with 269 points, 7th England (Cobley on Rusty, Beattie on Ben and Mrs. Andrews on Ironside) with 266 points, 8th Scotland (Maitland on Wraith, Dr. Robertson on Hussar and Woolam on Ginger) and 9th France (Comte du Rivau, Van Biema on Marble Morn and Viggner on J292).

It was conceded a very sporting effort on the part of France, putting in a team, as they all rode borrowed ponies and had a hard job in getting a team together.

Nearly everyone had come along from Christmas tiffins and the announcer often found himself in difficulties. What with losing the chalk to start with and then announcing points as faults, he soon had the spectators nearly as confused as he was himself, but Christmas comes but once a year and it all resulted in a great deal of laughter, so none seemed to mind.

**Only Serious Event**

This (the International Jumping) was the only serious event of the afternoon, but a dozen youngsters were there ready for their race and, exceptionally well handicapped by Maitland, it resulted in a very close finish indeed but as there was a prize for all competitors none went away disappointed. Einar Edwards' two sons are getting very difficult to handicap. They run so fast for their size that they are dangerous competitors always in these events and they are always the first to get to the starting post.

The Columbia Riding School must once again be congratulated for the excellent way in which they run these shows.

Prize winners were Mrs. Siemssen, Mr. Hille and Master Eggers (International Jumping); Major Rodger 1st, Major Harrison 2nd and Mr. Oates 3rd (Individual Jumping Competition, 19th December); Mr. R. N. Harris (Cigar and Hood race 19th December) and young Sokoloff, of the Columbia Riding School (Cossack Charge, 19th December).

Catering was in the hands of the Horse and Hound Tavern and there was quite a sensation when it was discovered that the bar boys had pooled together to buy a sweepstake ticket and won the third prize. The first prize was won by ticket number eight, 2nd ticket number fifty and third ticket number eighty one.

RACING AT LINGFIELD PARK

Taking the water jump in the Lingfield open handicap steeplechase are Capricho (Haley up), Tapinois (Prendergast), Sporting Piper (G. Wilson), and the winner, Brilliant Jack (Nicholson) on the right of the picture.

## BRIDGE LEAGUE NOW WELL ORGANIZED

### Co-operation Seen Between U.S. and Europe

The Hague, Dec. 23.

International relationship between bridge players of the world will reach a higher degree of organization than heretofore when the programme of the International Bridge league is completed.

The International Bridge League has obtained a place of greater importance as a result of the merger of the two major bridge organizations of the United States into a single group.

This has led to fuller co-operation between organized bridge in the United States and Europe, so that a basis of complete understanding has been reached between the two continents.

Preliminary arrangements, which will remain in force until the first of September, 1938, were described to the United Press by W. E. Kroesen, honorary secretary of the International Bridge league, European division, whose headquarters are here.

Under this provisional arrangement, the council of the European division of the International League will consist of five members. The same number will make up the council of the American division, representing North and South America. These two divisions are working under the direction of a superior council.

**New Organization**

The new organization of the International Bridge League will be considered at the annual meeting of the European division of the league next June in Oslo, Norway.

The programme as now drawn up contemplates that the International Bridge League shall consist of associations, founded on a purely amateur basis, one for each country. The League shall consist of two divisions. European and American, each autonomous. Each shall only recognize the other and refuse to deal with other organizations.

Every two years a Congress will be held alternately in the United States and in Europe.

It is further proposed that the International Bridge League recognize the Olympic Tournaments organized by Ely Culbertson, American expert, as special championship events. However, the superior council alone will organize and regulate tournaments for the world championship.

The International Bridge League laws, promulgated by the Portland Club, the Whist Club of New York and the Commission Francaise du Bridge, are to be adopted as official. In the future any changes in the laws of rubber bridge will be made by those bodies in consultation and co-operation with the League.

**Official Language**

The world championship, it is provided, shall be held between championship teams of both divisions during the congress of the host division. If this is accepted it means that the world championship will be held once every two years, alternating from one side of the Atlantic to the other.

English is to be the official language of the superior council. The British Bridge Magazine and the American Bridge World are the official organs of the superior council. cial organs of the superior council. —United Press.

## TAIL-WAGGER CHATS

### OUR NINTH BIRTHDAY

By "Philokuon"

Nine years ago this month the Tail-Waggers' Club came into being. Nothing of the kind had been conceived before, and within a few months the success achieved had surpassed all expectations. The Kennel Club had done a great work in promoting the interests of dog shows and safeguarding the interests of pedigree dogs, but the ordinary domestic dog was outside its scope. It was felt that some association was needed that would encourage householders to realise their responsibilities towards the animals they had taken into their charge; that would show them how to manage them properly, and would induce them to give their pets the training in obedience that would make them orderly members of canine society and prevent them becoming a nuisance to others.

Cruelty in the usually-accepted sense of the term has been growing less and less, though even now cases are reported in the papers at times that horrify all decent people. Cruelty of an unconscious and undesigned kind, however, may be practised through ignorance of the proper methods of feeding and management generally, and the desire of the Tail-Waggers' Club was to carry on an educative campaign that might bring about an improvement in these respects. We think we may fairly claim to have accomplished a great deal in this direction. The country was never as dog-minded as it is at the present time, and certainly never before have people taken such an intelligent interest in the welfare of their pets.

Their anxiety to do the right thing by them is proved by the thousands of letters that reach us every year at 58 Mark Lane, London. E.C.3. The postage bill alone incurred in this way amounts to a considerable sum annually, but it is money gladly expended, for we are anxious to be as helpful as possible. Our desire is to enrol as many dogs as we can, since we have the conviction that owners of Tail-Waggers will faithfully honour the implied obligation to let their dogs have a square deal, to tend to their wants, and observe their responsibilities to the public.

Within a short time we shall have exceeded the 700,000 membership, but we shall not be content with that. We want to reach the million, which even then will not represent one-third of the dogs in the country. This can only be done by the assistance of all Tail-Wagger owners in enlisting recruits. That many are actively engaged in this good work may be seen from the record, published monthly in "The Tail-Wagger" Magazine of members that have become centurions. That is to say, those whose owners have enlisted a hundred recruits. Twenty-four recruits bring a dog a Sergeant's badge, fifty make one a Sergeant-Major, and he receives a silver medallion.

A solid gold medallion is presented to a Centurion and now a chromium-plated cigarette box, suitably inscribed, will be given to anyone responsible for 250 members. Recruiting is not difficult as I know from experience. Whenever I have explained the objects of the Club I have rarely ever met with a refusal. The life subscription of half-a-crown is so small that no one seems to mind it. A dog from Persia has just joined, and we are in correspondence with a gentleman in Greece who is engaged in starting a Tail-Waggers' Club there. There are now few countries in which branches have not been formed.

## CANADIAN GIRLS ON WAY TO SYDNEY

### Considered Likely to Win at Empire Games

Toronto, Ontario.

Canada will be represented by a team of seven girls in the British Empire games in Australia next year.

Those in a position to judge, told Reuters correspondent that they consider that the best chances of the senior dominion will be in the relay race the medley relay and the javelin throwing event.

Perhaps the most outstanding performer from this country will be Miss Robinna Higgins of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who has hurled a javelin a distance of 127 feet and it is felt that this performance will be hard to beat.

Heading the sprinters will be Miss Aileen Meagher of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who has run the hundred yards in eleven seconds. Another useful performer for short distances will be Miss Jeanette Dolson of Toronto, Ontario.

The presence of several consistently good runners in the team is calculated to give Canada a good chance in the relay events and it is not forgotten that in the Empire games in London in 1934 this dominion won the medley relay.

Besides sprinters and a javelin thrower, Canada will be represented by a hurdler and competitors for the broad and high jump.—Reuter.


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## "THIRD BACK PLAY" IN SOCCER

### Popularized by Arsenal and Imitated Widely

### LEAGUE PRESIDENT GIVES HIS OPINION

London, Nov. 25.

The "third back" or "stopper" play of centre-halves at soccer, popularized by Arsenal and adopted widely in recent years evokes constant criticism, and most followers of the game would like to see a different style of play.

Of course, the present tactics are the outcome of the off-side rule, and critics of present-day centre-half play are mostly agreed that reform should come through a change of this law, which has now been in existence twelve years. Many of those who supported the change are surprised to see the unexpected outcome of it.

Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, the president of the Football League, has made a few remarks on the subject. "I remember telling Herbert Chapman," he said, "that he was building a monument which would rise higher than 'the stands' at Highbury and that it would be known as 'Arsenal's Folly.'

"It may not be true that Mr. Chapman created the "stopper," the "third back," or whatever the modern centre-half may be called. My name for the Arsenal player in the position was 'Goalkeeper No. 2', even though he was not permitted to use his hands.

**"Stopper" Made Complete**

"One of Mr. Chapman's strongest characteristics was his readiness to borrow an idea and develop it with remarkable thoroughness, and at least it may be said that he made the "stopper" more complete than had previously been conceived to be necessary.

"I suppose it was inevitable that the success of the Arsenal should lead other clubs to try to copy their defensive system, and the features which are now pointed to as unfortunate can be traced to this."

"I am waiting for a centre-forward to appear who will not only beat him but prove that his style is wholly mistaken. Patience may be required, but I am sure that this will occur and that it will not need any alteration of rule.

"The centre-forward may not be able to perform the task single-handed. He may require the help of his colleagues, specially, I think, the inside-forwards. The tactics of the game are closely studied to-day, and if any club will plan how the centre-half can be beaten and driven from his entrenchments they will do a great service.

**Match-winning Expedients**

"Fundamentally there is nothing wrong with the game when it is played in the way that has been established to be best. The trouble is the introduction of match-winning expedients largely to suit the make-up of the different teams.

"It is doubtful, too, whether any change which we brought about by alteration of rule would be lasting. I do not think it would be possible to go back to the old off-side rule. Those who take this view in proclaiming the need for the restoration of triangular wing movements and other features which marked the more precise era of 20 years ago, have a short memory.

"They forget the protests of the public against the frequent stoppages caused by deliberately planned off-side manœuvres and the game has moved so fast in the meantime that the voice on the terraces would to-day be raised even more strongly in condemnation of them."

Although its president hopes for the end of the reign of the "stopper," the Football League pins its faith on that type of player. Alf Young, the Huddersfield player, an acknowledged stopper, was chosen at centre-half against the Scottish League at Glasgow, though when he was found unfit his place was taken by Cullis, of Wolverhampton. Cullis played quite well, but was replaced by Young for the Irish game at Blackpool.

**Problem Unsolved**

Obviously the League are waiting for the problem to solve itself, probably by the advent of the man Mr. Sutcliffe looks for, who will think out a scheme to beat the policeman centre-half. Under the present off-side law, however, such a possibility is remote. Perhaps some modification in the law will be made.

Robert Crawford, the Southport left-half, who has played 499 games in the first, second and third divisions of the League, thinks that some method of counteracting the play of the "stopper" will be found, but believes that at present no club can do without it.

Crawford has had to give way in the Southport team to a younger and more virile defending left-half, though he thinks that he is good for a few more seasons as a player-coach.—Reuter.


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## FROM DAY TO DAY

Miss L. G. Sharp, who has been in Hongkong for some months, is shortly returning to Shanghai and will resume her classes in dancing, calisthenics and physical exercises in Ferry Road on Saturday, January 8.

THE Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government, General Chang Chih-chung, has delegated Mr. Wan Chang-yen to open a liaison office in Hankow, according to a Chinese report to the "Hwa Mei Pao."

DR. Milan Stoyadinovitch, the Yugoslavian Premier, will arrive in Berlin on January 15 on a four day visit to the German capital, it is now learnt. Before returning to Belgrade he will make a tour through Western Germany where he will inspect a number of big industrial plants.

THE "Great Way" City Government in Pootung has augmented its police force in Nantao with fresh recruits, says a report to the "Ta Mei Pao." Although the new police have not yet taken up beats in the district, they have begun patrolling duties on Minkuo Road in the "Jacquinot Zone" for refugees.

IN order to meet the more extensive needs of passengers making air journeys of several days' duration, it has been decided to increase the free allowance of baggage to 45 lb. for passengers travelling from Australia to England or to Overseas Ports or vice versa, provided the distance travelled in the Imperial Airways aircraft exceeds 2,100 miles.

THE Chinese Christian Educational Council, which exercises jurisdiction over thirteen Christian colleges in China, will attend to the placement of students in Shanghai who have been rendered schoolless by the current Sino-Japanese hostilities, says a report to the "Hwa Mei Pao." Former students of the Soochow University, Cheloo University, Chihchiang College, University of Nanking and Ginling Women's College have been asked to register with the Council at its office on the 3rd Floor, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

ON Tuesday last, the world-famous pharmaceutical manufacturers, "Bayer" I. G. Farbenindustrie A.G., Leverkusen, Germany, principally known to the public as makers of original 'Aspirin', inaugurated a new freight service for urgently-needed medical supplies. The drugs are carried to all countries of the world by means of a plane named 'Bayer' and owned by the firm. On its maiden voyage the plane rushed 'Bayer' remedies to London, and was met by a large number of press representatives on its arrival in Croydon. The importance of the new service was duly stressed by London evening papers in view of the fact that the supply of drugs and especially serums is greatly facilitated thereby, which should prove very valuable in the event of epidemics etc. The 'Bayer' plane will visit all European countries, and in case of emergencies, such as cholera, plague and other epidemics, also carry remedies to the Far East.

## NEW GOVERNMENT IN PEIPING

### "By Spontaneous Wishes of People of China"

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BY W. LEWISOHN

Peiping, Dec. 15.

People are always saying that you cannot put the clock back. Well, the Japanese have certainly accomplished that feat here in Peiping in the year 1937. We are back ten years, in the good old days of Chung Hua Min Kuo with our old friend the five-colour flag. (In case readers have forgotten in the interval: red for Chinese, yellow for Manchus, blue for Mongols, white for Mohammedans and black for tribesmen).

The long-expected and so often heralded new government or new state, whichever you prefer to call it, was inaugurated here yesterday. This newly-created modern state, "called into existence by the spontaneous wishes of the people of China" and very considerately recognized, without even a day's delay, by the Japanese who have the welfare of this country so very much at heart, this new government calls itself the "Provisional Government of the Chinese Republic" (Chung Hua Min Kuo Lin Shih Cheng Fu). Curiously enough, and contrary to the usual practice in similar previous cases, we have not been entertained with any of those spontaneous demonstrations or processions calling for the establishment of a new government, although, as we were given to understand, this was so very ardently desired by the people of China, and those in the North quite particularly.

**On Revolutionary Basis**

Perhaps this may have been due to the fact that the new government claims to be "founded on a revolutionary basis," and so patriotic demonstrations were not necessary to call the new government into being. Though why a revolutionary basis should have been preferred to a legal one, is not at all clear. One would have thought that, in view of the repudiation of the Kuomintang and all its works, it would have been much more convincing to claim that the overthrow of the Republic by the Kuomintang in 1928 was a revolutionary and illegal act, and that the present government was merely the continuation or re-establishment of the old Republic. This is one of those numerous points that do not appear to have been thought out very carefully.

The clock has also been put back ten years or more, as regards the personnel of the new government. The names of about nine persons have been so far given out as participating in same. They belong either to the former Anfu or Chihli party. (Those two names have a ghostly sound and seem to evoke memories of a dead and buried past). Most of the members of the new government are very ancient gentlemen—they were getting on in age already in the days of the former republic—who have for the last dozen years or so taken no part in the government of the country.

To name a few of the better known, we have: Gen. Chi Hsieh-yuan, former Tuchun of Kiangsu, aged 58; Gen. Chiang Chao-tsung, once a premier for about ten days, aged 74 years; Wang Komin, formerly Minister of Finance at various times, aged 58 years; Tung Kang, a former Minister of Justice, aged 68 years; Wang Yi-tang, former leader of the Anfu Party, aged 60 years and Tang Erh-ho, former Minister of Education, aged 60 years.

**Birth of Lusty Infant**

The strangest part about this strange new government of China has still to be mentioned. A Japanese spokesman referred to the inauguration as the celebration of the birth of a lusty infant. May be, but in that case, the child is a mere headless embryo. The new government has neither a head, nor any Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance or Defence. There is still much talk that the former president, Tsao Kun, and Marshal Wu Pei-fu are to become president and vice-president of the new government. But the hesitations of these two warriors continued to drag on so that the Japanese who were bent on making the proclamation of the new government coincide with the fall of Nanking, the capital of the Kuomintang, could wait no longer for them, and so proclaimed it without any chief of state.

Whether the two will join the government later or whether, as is even whispered, a Manchu prince might be made head, still remains to be seen. It is a not unimportant question, seeing that the general public which is almost totally unacquainted with any of the present persons, is still apt to believe that no new government has been established after all. The present government, as far as one can make out, is run by a "steering committee" of five, with three commissions under it: administrative, legislative and judicial.

**Inaugural Ceremony**

The inauguration ceremony took place at the Chu Jen Tang (Hall of Exalted Aim) which was originally built as a residence for President Yuan Shih-kai in the Central Lake Park. Only Chinese and Japanese attended the ceremony. Afterwards the foreign press-men were received there by certain members of the new government in whose name Mr. Tang Erh-ho made the customary inspiring address, with the usual assurances of good-will, Open Door, collaboration, respect for Treaties, reconstruction, and all the usual bag of tricks. A few questions were hastily put and as hastily answered. One question, as to the legal status of the new government, appeared to be quite a poser almost, as if it had not been previously considered. After considerable hesitation, it was disposed of by the statement that the government was on a revolutionary basis. The whole impression one got of the new government and its installation was that of a very hasty improvisation rushed through without much care or forethought.

To-day the new government was proclaimed, by means of powerful loud speakers, from the top of the Tien An Men (Heavenly Peace Gate), from where, in the course of the last quarter of a century so many other promising governments have been proclaimed amid the usual plaudits of the populace. In this case, the applause or any kind of enthusiasm was distinctly noticeable by its absence. There were probably less than 10,000 persons present, more than half of whom were school-boys and school-girls who were ordered to attend, and also large numbers of Japanese, with the Rising Sun much in evidence, to welcome the new brother. The rest of the spectators, one gathered, were there to listen to the police and other bands discoursing sweet music, to see the crackers being let off, and above all to watch the dragon dances and the stilt dancers—these last surely no allusion to the situation of the new government. In fact they had quite obvious-

Mrs. Anne Maria Carpenter, of Hartland Road, Epping, attained her 104th birthday last month. She is in good health and still occupies herself knitting. When 100 years of age she won a prize for knitting in the 70 and over class.

## TYROL OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

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### HAPPY ASPECTS OF AN OLD CUSTOM

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Far away in a village of Tyrol, where snow-capped mountains rear their summits into the clouds and where the mountain streams flow so rapidly, that no frost can stay them, there lived Pastor Mohr, a good, but rather eccentric man. During the short summer months, he could be seen almost daily walking across the meadows, then covered with gorgeous, fragrant wild flowers. In his hand, he carried his broad-brimmed slouch hat. This he filled with flowers, as he walked along, then seated himself, drew up his knees and placed his hat upon them.

Soon there came flying to him, all the gorgeous, brilliantly coloured and gossamer winged butterflies and settled among the flowers. Like a happy child, Pastor Mohr gazed upon the sight, sang and spoke to his gay friends. Not until the sun sank behind the mountain, did he leave the enchanted spot. At home in his little study he would sit hours at the open window gazing a the stars, as though they were his brothers and sisters.

**Christmas Eve**

Indeed Pastor Mohr was a man of eccentric habits. Once, on the day before the Holy Night, Pastor Mohr sat in his snow hut in the mountains. He had gone thither to prepare his Christmas sermon. The little stove shed warmth while the apples, which the good pastor had brought along, roasted and danced on its lid. On the crude wooden table stood a light, its golden beams dispelling the darkness, as though the dear Lord himself were present.

Suddenly a blast of wind blew open the window, and a drift of snow fell into the room. The light flickered for a moment, then seemed to shine brighter as though anticipating the appearance of a miracle. Deep joy and great peace filled the pastor's heart. He gazed out of the window on to the heavens above. A single star shone over the hut; he knew now how it was when Christ was born.

The thought overwhelmed him, he grasped his goosequil and wrote on a slip of paper: "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" ("Silent night, Holy night"). The words came like flowers in the field, like small trees of the forest, they grew, beautiful rhymes embraced them. The miracle had come!—Up jumped the pastor, danced about the hut. He must tell others of this ly only come there to see the show, and not from any feelings of political affection.

**Complete Indifference**

Despite gaudy ornamental arches of red silk illuminated at night by electric light, despite streets lined with red lanterns, despite the five-colour flag hung out at every doorway, despite beautifully coloured posters on all the walls—all arranged for by the police—the attitude of the general public towards the proclamation of the new government remains one of the most complete indifference. This apathy is, no doubt, partly due to the fact that, as I have said, they have seen so many governments, full of high promises, come and go, each one of which has helped Peiping a little further on the downward slope. But it is also due to the fact that they are perfectly well aware who are the creators of the new government and who will be pulling the wires on which its puppets will dance.

great joy which had come to him and of the great miraculous thing God had done. He ran out of the hut, waving the paper with its song like a white banner. He fell in the snow drifts, but arose again scarce realizing that he had fallen. He thought that he should go to the teacher of the village school, he must read the poem to him.

It was after midnight, the teacher was asleep. A few vigorous raps on the fast-bolted doors, soon brought the teacher, bare footed only in shirt and trousers. "Gruber, Gruber," cried the pastor, "I have something wonderful, I have something fine." They sat down in the study where the pastor read his verses. Now the teacher was young and as he heard and listened, he felt himself a child again, under the lights of the Christmas tree. Then putting on his coat and shoes, he exclaimed: "I have something for your hymn, let us try it at once."

**Angels' Dancing**

Together they walked to the humble village church, they climbed up to the organ, fixed a light and Pastor Mohr placed his paper on the organ stand. Gruber began to play, first softly, then louder. The music seemed like angels' dancing, like the soft wind blowing over the snow fields, like a mother's hand, gently stroking over the hair of her little child. Gruber began humming the verses, then singing them softly, then louder and louder. It seemed not only the angels but the dear God himself stood within the church door listening.

Suddenly, from the choir stall below, the new hymn floated upward. The pastor and the teacher looked down. They beheld the whole congregation, men, women and even children sang and sang. Was this another wonder? Pastor Mohr whispered into the ear of the astonished teacher Gruber: "We left the church door open as we entered in and when the good people heard the organ, they crept out of their beds and came here. Oh, Gruber, Gruber, this night we two have brought forth something grand into the world."

Truly, the song and its melody is grand. To-day, that hymn which has born on the Tyrol mountain side and its melody which came from the village has flown into all parts of the world. On the glowing sands of tropic Africa to the snow and ice-covered regions of the Arctic Pole—wherever Christmas, the Day of the Saviour's birth is observed—the hymn is heard.—L.K.K

The heat of the sun magnified through a piece of broken glass is believed to have caused a fire which destroyed furze bushes and undergrowth on Hampstead Heath near the Hampstead swimming pond recently. Fillers

## TO-DAY'S CHURCH SERVICES

**Holy Trinity Cathedral**, December 25.—Christmas Day.—Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel). 7 a.m. 8 a.m. Mattins and Sermon. 10.30 a.m. Psalm: 85. Lessons: Isaiah 9, 2-7; Luke 11, 1-20. Stanford in B flat. Anthem: "In Dulce Jubilo" (German Traditional Carol.) Hymns: 59, 61, 60. Preacher: The Dean. Holy Communion, 11.45 a.m.

**Bubbling Well Chapel:** Rev. P. C. Matthews, M.A.—December 27th.—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Communion. 7.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. —December 28th.—Innocents' Day.—Holy Communion. 7.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. —December 31st.—11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service. Preacher: The Dean.

**Union Church** (International and Interdenominational), 107 Soochow Road (near the British Consulate-General). —Acting Minister: Rev. C. Wilfrid Allan.—Special Christmas Service on Sunday morning at 10.45. Carols, Soli, and duetts. Preacher, Rev. W. H. Hudspeth. 10.30, Children's Morning Service in the Church Hall; 3, Western District Sunday School in the premises of the German Church, 1 Great Western Road.

**St. John's Pro-Cathedral**, Jessfield.—Holy Communion in English on Christmas morning at 7.30 a.m. Evening Prayer in English on First Sunday after Christmas (December 26) at six o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. H. Throop, S.T.D.

**Community Church.**—Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr. will preach at the Morning Worship in Community Church, 53 Avenue Petain, Sunday morning on the theme "O Come, Let Us Adore Him." Miss Rosa May Butler will be at the organ and her voluntaries will be: "Prayer" from "Gothic Suite" (Boellman) for the Prelude; "Pastorale" from "Second Suite" (Rogers) for the Offertory; "Eclogue" from "Second Suite" (Rogers) for the Postlude. The Choir, under the direction of Miss Louise Manget, Choirmaster, will sing "There were Shepherds" (Foster). All Departments of the Church School will meet as usual at nine-thirty Sunday morning, the Adult Group led by Rev. Earle H. Ballou. The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Fellowship Group, which was to have been held at ten on Monday morning, has been postponed until January. Tuesday evening is Choir Rehearsal at the usual hour. On Wednesday morning at nine the Women's Auxiliary is to have a Rummage Sale in the American School Gymnasium at No. 10 Ave. Petain, and contributions for that purpose (of woollen things especially) will be most welcome and can be sent on Monday and Tuesday mornings to No. 75 Ave. Petain. The Cubs will meet at three on Wednesday afternoon; the Camp Fire Girls at three-thirty; and the Boy Scouts at four. On Saturday, January 1, a New Year's Tea for members and friends, welcoming the Reverend and Mrs. John P. Minter to Community Church, will be held from four to six in the afternoon, in the main Church Auditorium.

**Shanghai Free Christian Church** (Evangelical) 681 Hart Road. The Services on Sunday will be conducted as follows:—Morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. J. Embery. Sunday School at 2.45 p.m. Evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. H. Maxcy Smith Christmas music at both services. Offerings for the day will be devoted to local charities Services during the week:—Monday at 8 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Speaker, Rev. K. G. Bevan. Thursday afternoon at 5.45 Prayer Meeting. A welcome extended to members of the Foreign Defence Force. No service on Saturday, Dec. 25.

**Holy Trinity Cathedral.**—December 26—1st Sunday after Christmas—St. Stephen, the first Martyr. —Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel). 8 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m. Psalm: 8 Lessons: Genesis 4, 1-10. Acts 6. Maylor in E. flat. Hymns: 59, 62, 60. Christmas Musical Service. 6 p.m. (Mattins at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast over Station XMHD, 760 Kc., 394.6 m.).

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## To-day's Events

DECEMBER

26 Carol Service, Cathedral, 6
26 Le Ballet Russe, Coppelia, Lyc., 2.15
26 S.M. Orchestra concert, Lyceum, 5.15

## Coming Events

DECEMBER

27 For. Y. Ann. Box. Day Tea Dance, 5
27 Le Ballet Russe. Cleopatra, Lyc., 8.15
29 A.D.C. Club Evening, Lyceum, 9
31 German A.D.C.

JANUARY

1 German A.D.C.
3 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
4 For. Y. lect. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, 8.30
4 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
5 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
6 Choral Soc. Concert, Lyceum, 8.45
6 Theosophical Soc., Open Meeting, 153 Nanking Rd., Public Invited, 6
6 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Shai. Reel Club ann. gen. mtg. and 1st practice, B.F. recreation centre, 8.30
8 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
11 For. Y. lect. Mr. E. J. Ottewell, 8.30
12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
13 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
14 For. Y. Next evening of music, 8.30
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
18 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30
19 St. Patrick's Soc. ann. mtg. Palace, 5.15
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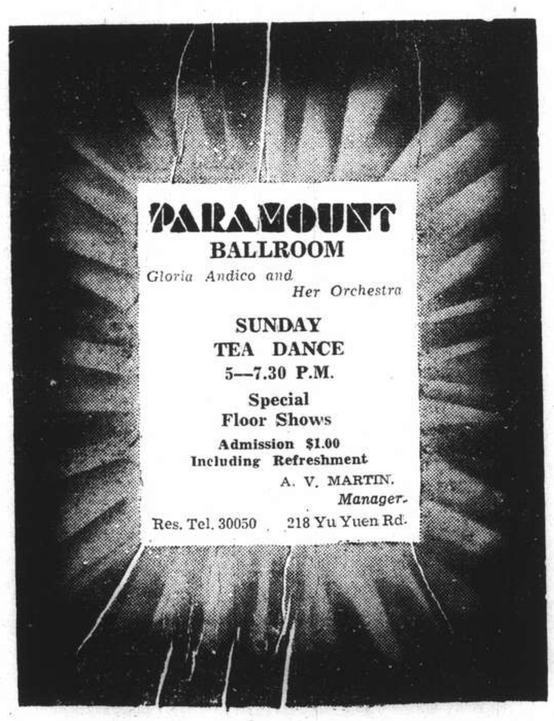


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### EUROPE AND STRAITS

**From LONDON**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Corfu | 19/11 | 27/12* |
| Burdwan | 13/11 | 28/12 |
| Chitral | 3/12 | 10/1 * |
| Somali | 11/12 | 24/1 |
| Carthage | 17/11 | 24/1 * |

**From GLASGOW**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Memnon | 6/11 | 26/12 |
| Ajax | 4/12 | 20/1 |
| Hector | 18/12 | 5/2 |

**From LIVERPOOL**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Memnon | 13/11 | 26/12 |
| Ajax | 11/12 | 20/1 |

**From GDYNIA**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Menelaus | 24/12 | 9/2 |

**From MARSEILLES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| D'Artagnan | 26/11 | 28/12 |
| A Lebon | 10/12 | 11/1 |
| F. Roussel | 24/12 | 24/1 |

**From COPENHAGEN**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tongking | — | 8/2 |

**From HAMBURG**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Franken | 18/12 | 5/2 |
| Gneisenau | — | 12/2 |

**From TRIESTE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| C. Verde | — | 27/12 |
| C'lazzo | 20/11 | 7/1 |

**From PORT SAID**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Burdwan | 24/11 | 28/12 |
| Somali | 21/12 | 24/1 |

**From MASSOWAH**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| C. Verde | 9/12 | 27/12 |

**From KARACHI**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| C'tellazzo | 12/12 | 7/1 |

**From BOMBAY**

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|---|---|---|
| C. Verde | 17/12 | 27/12 |
| Chitral | 23/12 | 10/1 * |

**From CALCUTTA**

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| Sirdhana | 3/12 | 27/12* |
| Shirala | 17/12 | 10/1 * |

**From COLOMBO**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Burdwan | 11/12 | 27/12 |

**From MELBOURNE**

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| Nellore | 1/12 | 6/1 |

**From SYDNEY**

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|---|---|---|
| Nellore | 11/12 | 6/1 |

**From SINGAPORE**

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|---|---|---|
| Memnon | 11/12 | 26/12 |
| Sirdhana | 16/12 | 27/12 |
| Burdwan | 18/12 | 28/12 |

**From N.E.-I.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tjinegara | — | 20/1 |
| Tjisadane | — | 10/2 |

**From SAIGON**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rowanbank | — | 26/12 |

**From MANILA**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| E. Russia | — | 28/1 |

### AMERICA AND JAPAN

**From NEW YORK**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lossiebank | — | 29/12 |
| C. E'bourne | 18/11 | 16/1 |
| Foylebank | 7/12 | 25/1 |
| Cing. Pr. | 10/12 | 25/1 |

**From LOS ANGELES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sil'teak | 9/12 | 8/1 |

**From SAN FRANCISCO**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lossiebank | 27/11 | 29/12 |
| Sil'teak | 13/12 | 8/1 |

**From KOBE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Soudan | 24/12 | 26/12 |

**From NAGASAKI**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nagasaki M. | — | 26/12 |

### CHINA PORTS

**From DAIREN**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dairen M. | — | 26/12 |
| Dairen M. | — | 1/1 |

**From TIENTSIN**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Taksang | — | 26/12 |

**From CHEFOO**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Taksang | — | 26/12 |

**From SWATOW**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Leesang | — | 26/12 |

**From HONGKONG**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Leesang | — | 26/12 |

**From TUNGCHOW**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wuhu | — | 26/12 |
| Tungwo | — | 26/12 |

## Vessels Leaving

### YANGTZE RIVER

PINGWO Dec. 26. Sails for TUNGCHOW on Sunday, the 26th instant, at 7 a.m. from Peking Road Jetty. Passage rate 1st Saloon $15 single, $25 return. For passages apply Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Tel. 15290. 25-12

WUHU Dec. 28. TUNGCHOW. — From French Bund on Tuesday, 28th. at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

### NORTH CHINA COAST

CHENGTU Dec. 26. TSINGTAO and TIENTSIN. — From Pootung Wharf on Sunday, 26th at 8 a.m. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-12

KAIPING Dec. 26. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration, will despatch the steamer Kaiping, Captain L. B. Struth, on Sunday, December 26, 1937. For freight or passage, apply to Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 26-12

## Vessels Leaving

### NORTH CHINA COAST

SHENGKING Dec. 28. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, 28th at 10 a.m. Calling at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

CHEKIANG Dec. 30. TSINGTAO and TIENTSIN. — leaves on Thursday, 30th at 9 a.m. (Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only). For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

### SOUTH CHINA COAST

CHEKIANG Dec. 26. NINGPO.—From French Bund on Sunday, 26th at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 26-12

G. DIEDERICHSEN Dec. 26. HONGKONG.—Sails from Kinlee-yuen Wharf on Sunday, December 26. For freight and passage apply Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 26-12

HSIN PEKING Dec. 27. NINGPO. — leaves Kinlee-yuen Wharf on Monday, 27th inst. at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund).

KWANGTUNG Dec. 27. SWATOW, HONGKONG, CANTON, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG. —From French Bund on Monday, 27th at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 26-12

FOOSHING Dec. 28. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Hunt's Wharf on Tuesday, 28th Dec. 28, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 27-12

SUIYANG Dec. 28. FOOCHOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, 28th at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

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SOOCHOW Dec. 29. AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Wednesday, 29th at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 29-12

MUIHOCK Dec. 30. HONGKONG.—Sails from Kinlee-yuen Wharf on Thursday, December 30th. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 30-12

SZECHUEN Jan. 1. SWATOW, HONGKONG, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, January 1st at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

### STRAITS AND EUROPE

ATHOS II Dec. 27. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 27-12

SOUDAN Dec. 28. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 28-12

GLENIFFER Dec. 31. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

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| Dairen | Dairen Maru | 8.00 | 8.15 |
| Ningpo | Tembien | 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Ningpo | Chekiang | 10.30 | 11.00 |
| Manila Aust. N.Z. S.S. (Y) India (Y) Europe (Y) | Athos II | 17.00 | 18.00 |
| Hongkong and Canton | Athos II | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| Swatow Hongkong Canton and Yunnan | Kwangtung | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| **MONDAY, Dec. 27.** | | | |
| Ningpo | Hsin Peking | 8.30 | 9.00 |
| Tinghai and Haimen Che. | Ano-Vathy X | 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Nantung | Wuhu | 16.30 | 17.00 |
| U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia | Shengking | 16.30 | 18.00 |
| Foochow and Hongkong | Suiyang | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| Aust. N. Z. S.S. (Y) India (Y) Suez (Y) and Europe (Y) | Soudan A | 17.00 | 18.00 |
| Hongkong and Canton | Soudan | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| **TUESDAY, Dec. 28** | | | |
| Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin | Shengking | *19.00 | 7.15 |
| Swatow H'kong., Canton | Taksang | 8.30 | 9.00 |
| Manila Aust. N.Z. S.S. Europe (Y) | Conte Verde B | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| Hongkong and Canton | Conte Verde | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki | Shanghai Maru | 17.30 | 18.00 |
| Japan via Kobe | D'artagnan X | 17.30 | 18.00 |
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### STRAITS AND EUROPE

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MEMNON Jan. 2. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW (via JAPAN, HONGKONG and STRAITS).—Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. 82020. 2-2


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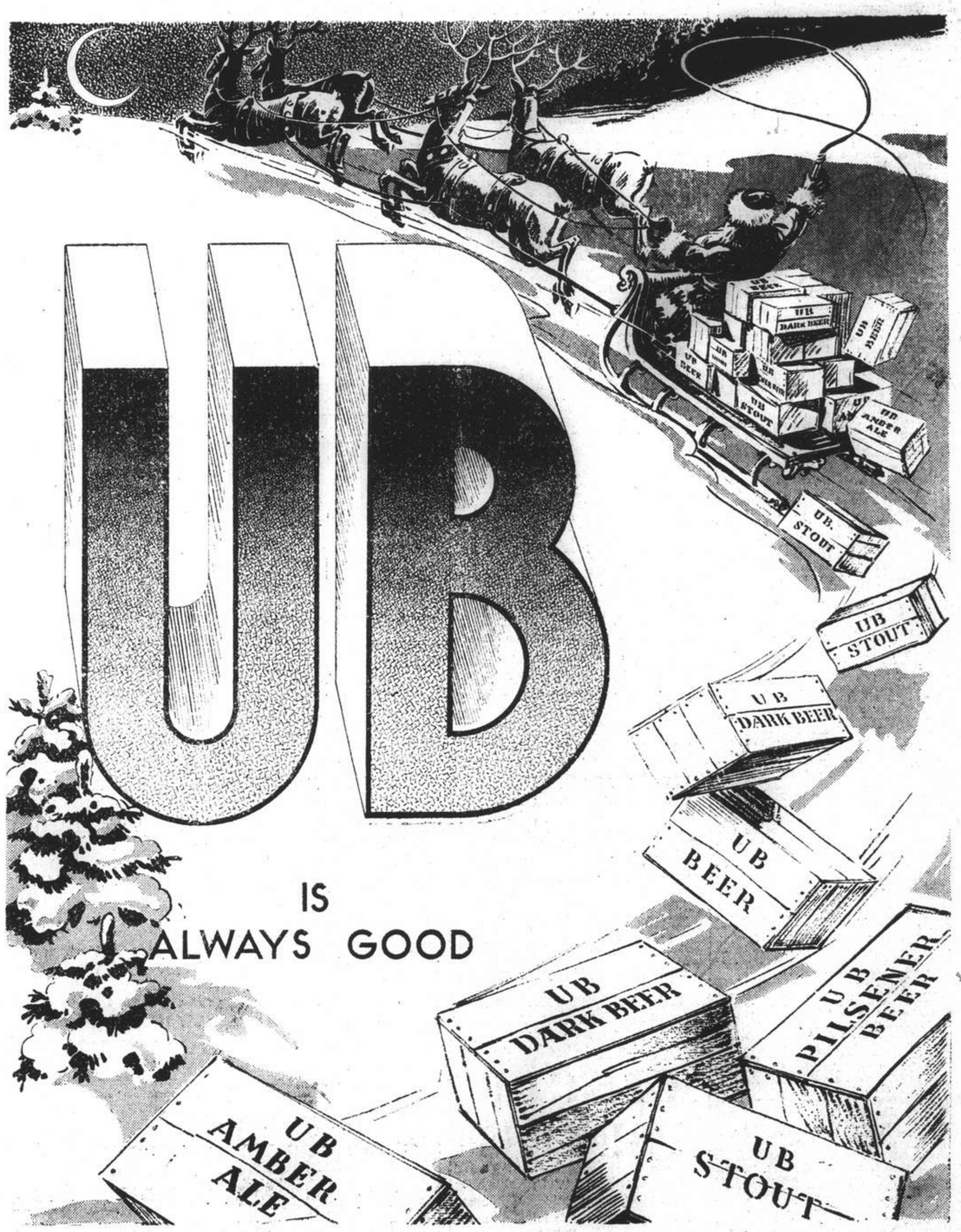

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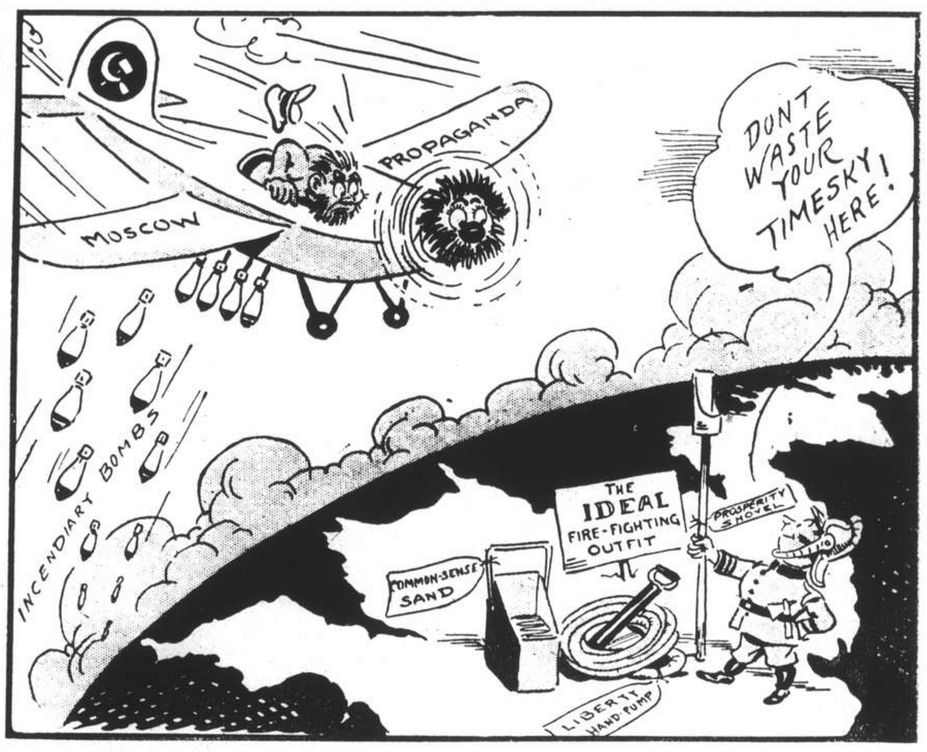


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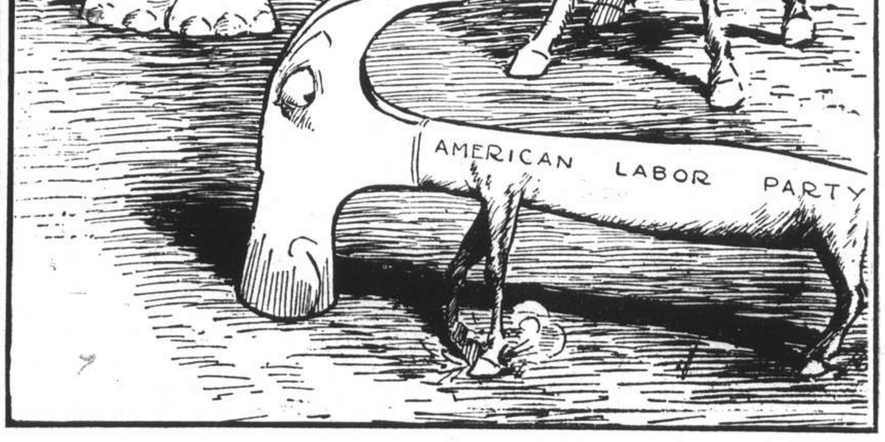


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STRANGE ANIMAL IN THEIR MIDST

# From Here and There

Members of the I.C.I. staff mobilized with the Fire Brigade. Specials, and Transport, Scottish, Portuguese, American Troop, Light Horse, Air Defence, Armoured Cars, "A" and Chinese Companies.

Miss E. Y. Lee (right) married Mr. P. L. Liang mid-December. Miss Elsie Wong (left) made a lovely flower girl.—*William's.*

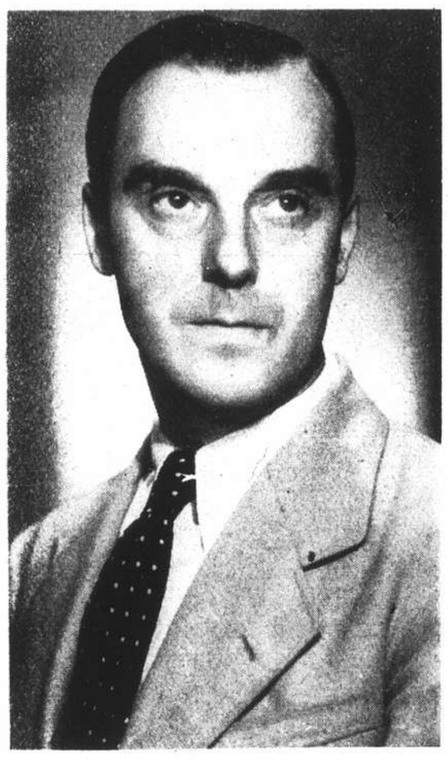
At the recent Bradley-Fewkes nuptials. Mr. Alex Jack. Miss Anna Moiseeff and Mr. G. H. S Fewkes attended.—"*N.C.D.N.*"

Mr. N. Alley, cameraman and survivor from the Panay.—*Skvirsky.*

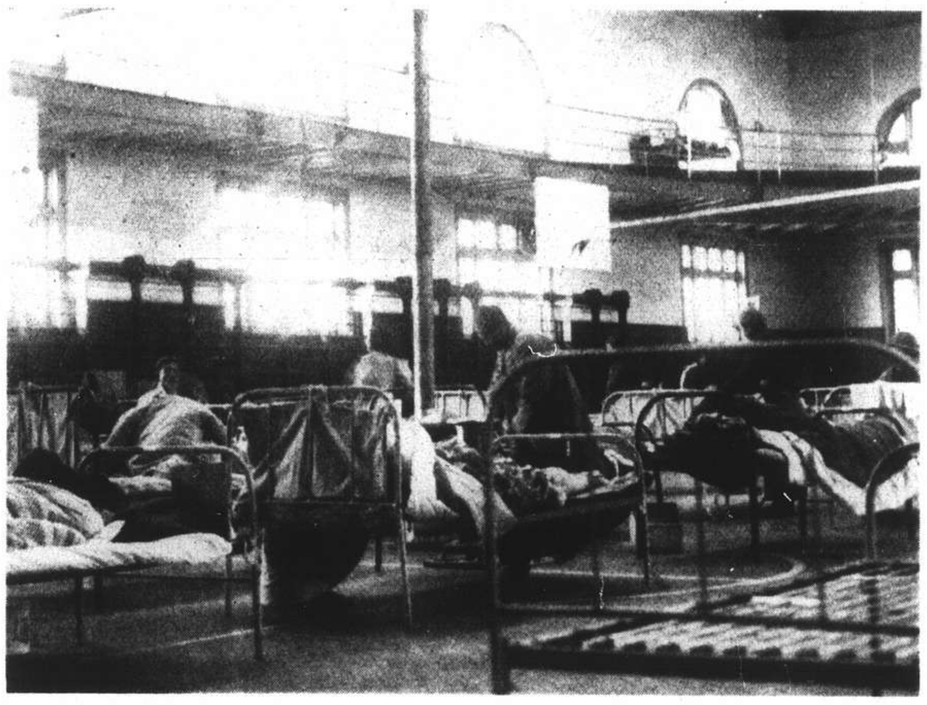
Nanyang College refugees camp head office. Maj. H. Littler and his Chinese staff are depicted.—*V. F. Meisling.*

Mme J. Barraud, prominent in French social circles.—*Skvirsky.*

Countess Fain, wife of the French First Secretary.—*Skvirsky.*



Mr. J. Marshall, of "Colliers," also a Panay survivor.—*Skvirsky.*



The gymnasium of Nanyang College has been converted into a hospital where refugees are treated.—*V. F. Meisling.*

Mrs. A. V. White leads in White Major (Mr. Alec White up) after the pony won the National Handicap Steeplechase.—"*N.C.D.N.*"

Mr. E. E. Bounous, en route to the Italian Tokyo Embassy.—*Skvirsky.*

A college lecture hall at Nanyang has been converted into a schoolroom for refugee children.—*V. F. Meisling.*

Miss Berta Grunspan, recent bride of Mr. W. R. B. Palmer.—*Skvirsky.*

Mrs. G. W. Mose, prominent in the social circles.—*Skvirsky.*

# In the Social Spotlight

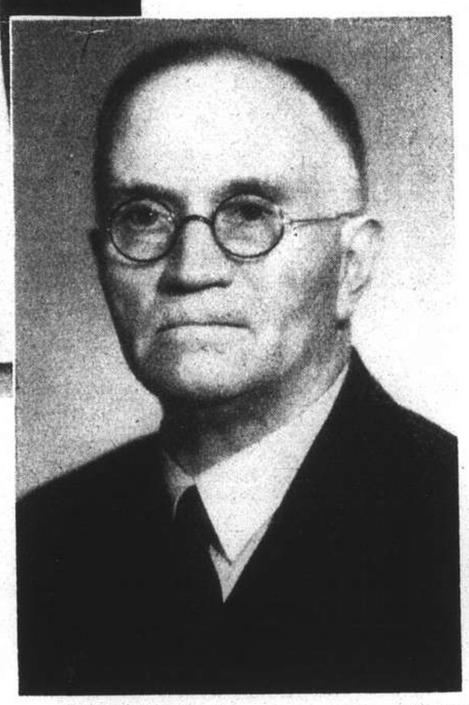
A recent Tower dinner party included Cmdr. Brain, U.S.S. Augusta, Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. White.—*Lacks.*

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. D. Dolle, of Hamburg, who will be visiting Shanghai for some time.—*Josepho.*

Miss H. L. Han, charming member of the Chinese social set.—*Bann's.*

Mingzee, who left with his father, Mr. Kunstein, for Hongkong.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee W. W. Wagstaff) F. A. Inglis, recently married, have returned from their honeymoon in Hangchow.—*Bann's.*



Prof. G. Anderson and Miss V. Dorf, en route to Hanoi on a scientific trip.—*Bann's.*

Mr. Y. F. Yung, soon to study economics in America.—*Grand.*

Lieut. C. O. Totman, 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment, U.S.M.C.—*William's.*

Mr. W. A. Cox, of H.M.S. Folkestone, now in port.—*William's.*

Miss Paddy Tsoh, of the Chinese Y.W.C.A.—*Grand.*

Mrs. E. Bruckner, who recently arrived in Shanghai.—*Bann's.*

Margot and Barbara, granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Reiber.—*Bann's.*

Younger students of the Bateman-King School. They are rehearsing a woodland scene.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# Personalities in the News

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cheng recently were married.—*Grand.*

Mrs. L. Soyka, recently returned from abroad.—*Bann's.*

Charming study of Mrs. Ellis Ezra.—*Josepho.*

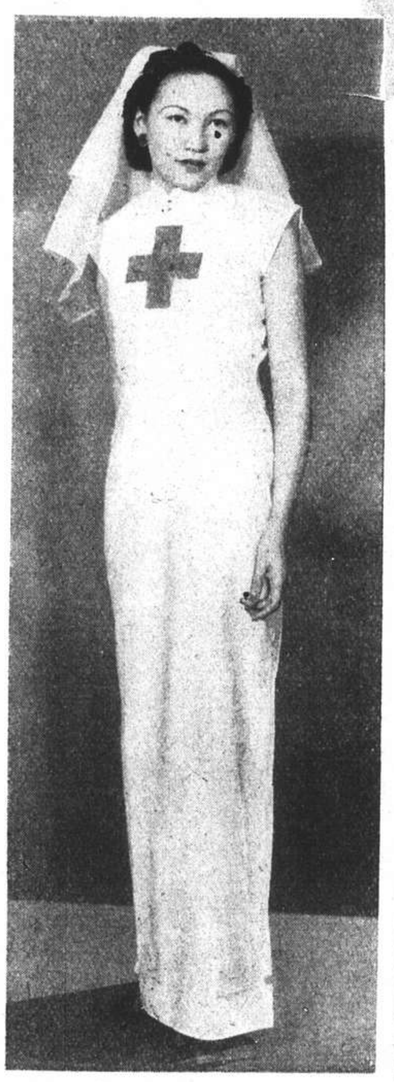
Inspr. T. M. Yates, of the French Police Specials.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wu, who were married recently here in Shanghai.—*Grand.*

Miss Milly Bernardo, engaged to Mr. O. W. Foegal.

Mr. J. H. Middlecoat, of the C.N. Railways.—*Josepho.*

Miss C. C. Chen, the recent bride of Mr. H. K. Leon.—*William's.*



Miss Elma Koenig, popular in the social set.—*William's.*

Mr. A. Marinaro, recently returned from Manila.—*Josepho.*

Miss Ethel Chun, visiting Sir Chouson Chow.—*William's.*



Miss Ya-ching Lee, who has left Shanghai.—*Bann's.*

Mr. Eric Marum, member of the S.M.P. Specials.

Mr. Sandro Sandri, who was killed on the U.S.S. Panay.—*Josepho.*

Charmin, son of Mrs. Wieda.—*Grand.*

Mr. M. Corpening, of the Chicago "Daily News."—*Josepho.*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# With the Cameramen

Senora Darcy Vargas, wife of the new Dictator of Brazil, with her son, Getulio Vargas, jun.

From Dakar to Natal, record-breaking flight of M. Codos, in eleven hours—the plane is pictured at Le Bourget.

President Roosevelt becomes the first member (1937) of the American Red Cross.

Gene Mako, tennis star, makes his film debut with Sonja Henie in her next picture.

Mr. L. Hore-Belisha tested the Army Christmas pudding at Aldershot Cookery School recently.

Mr. L. Hore-Belisha and Mr. Anthony Eden arrive at No. 10 Downing Street to attend a Cabinet meeting.

Recent Cagoulards raid reveals hand grenades.

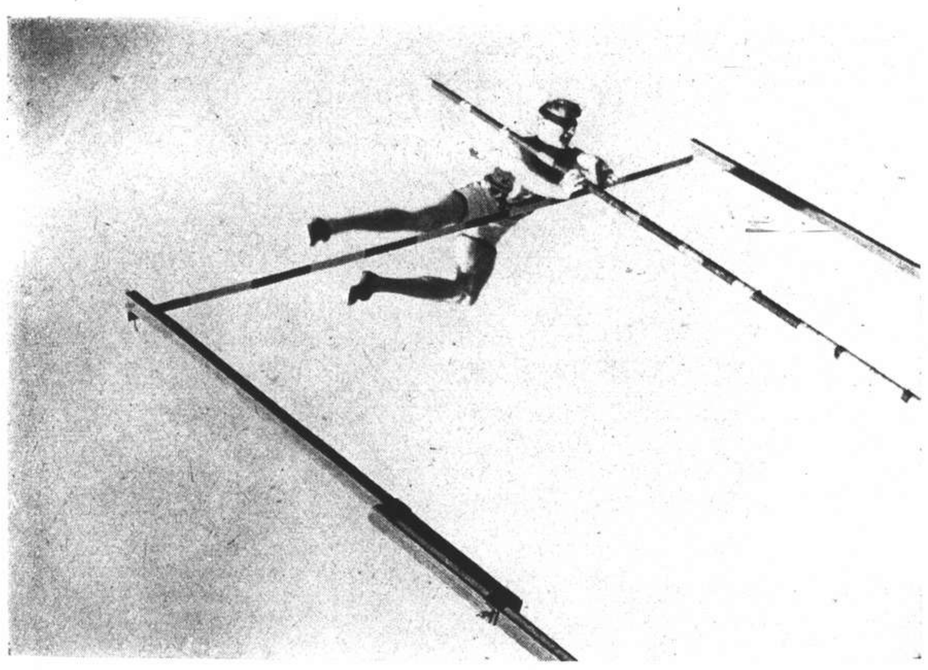
Grotesque masks and figures being prepared for the Christmas pantomime productions.

Having broken three records on their London-Capetown-London flight, Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Mrs. Kirby-Green arrive at Croydon.

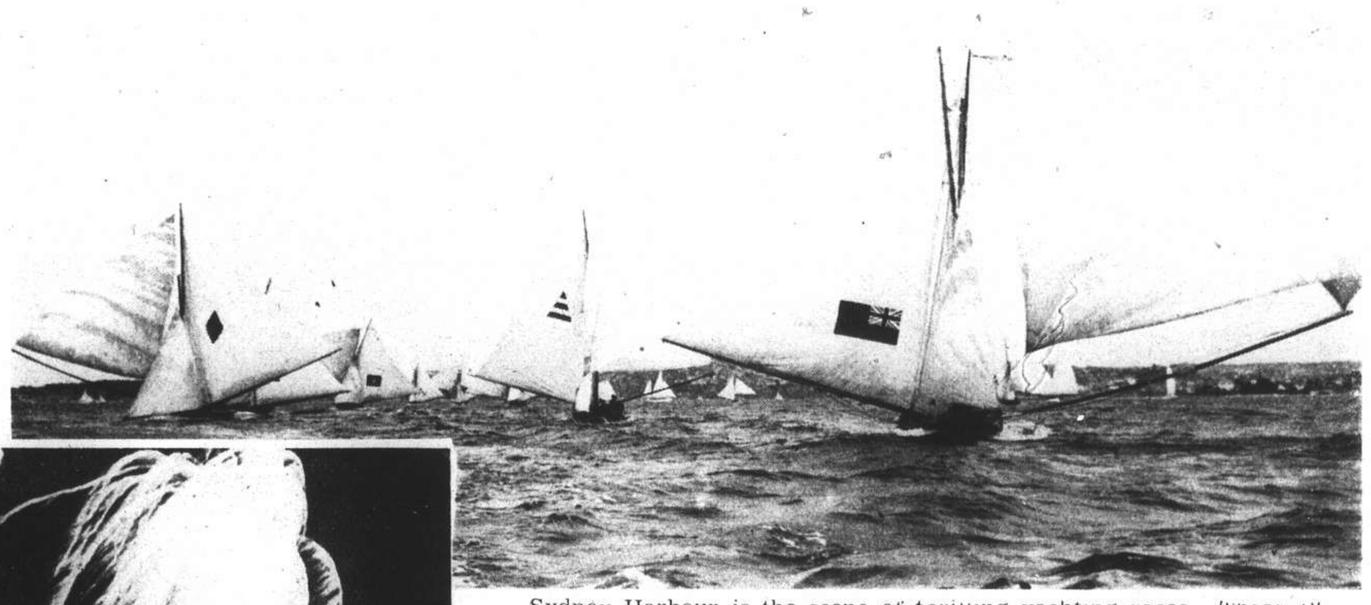
Soldiers' children abroad will receive Christmas gifts. Picture shows N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters busily packing various presents.

# Sydney's Sesqui-Centennial

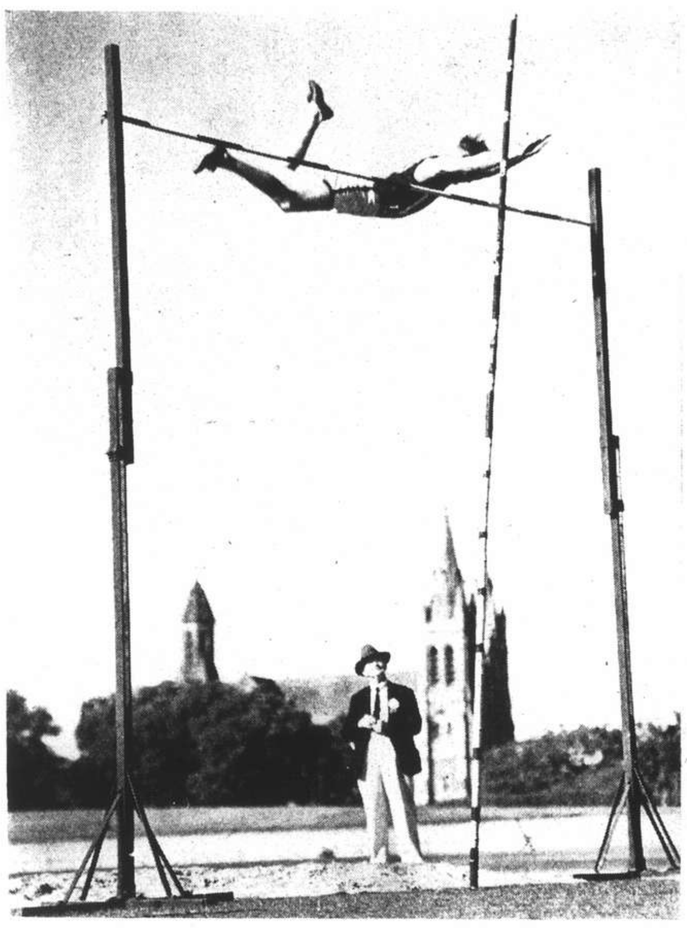
Beginning on January 26 and extending for several months all Australia will join at Sydney in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the settlement of the Commonwealth. These pictures show various activities in New South Wales.



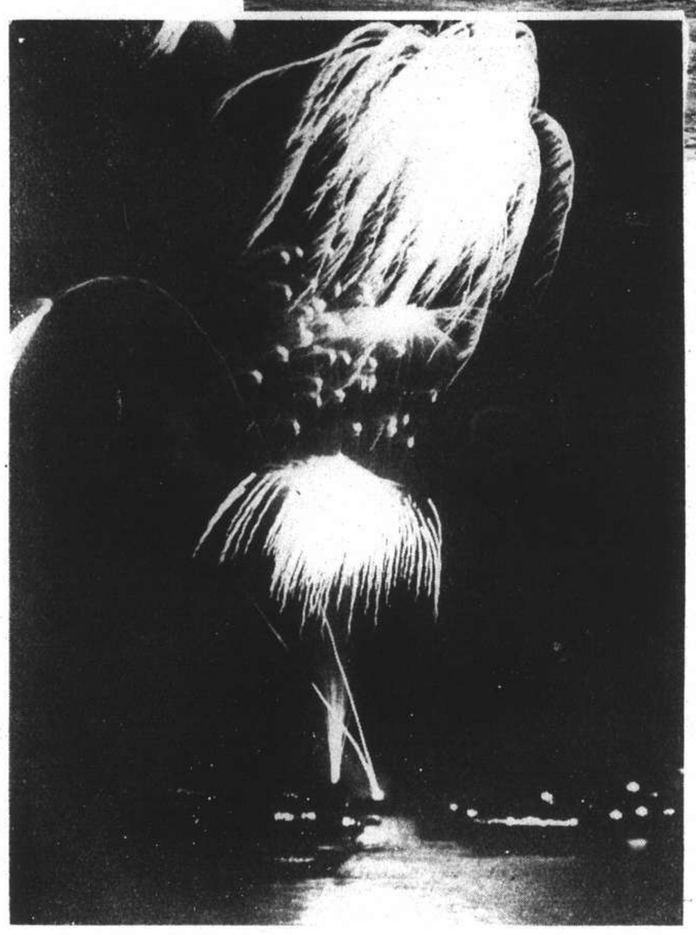
F.C. Woodhouse breaks the Australian pole vault record at the height of 13ft. 3½ in.



Sydney Harbour is the scene of thrilling yachting races. These 18-footers provide great sport.

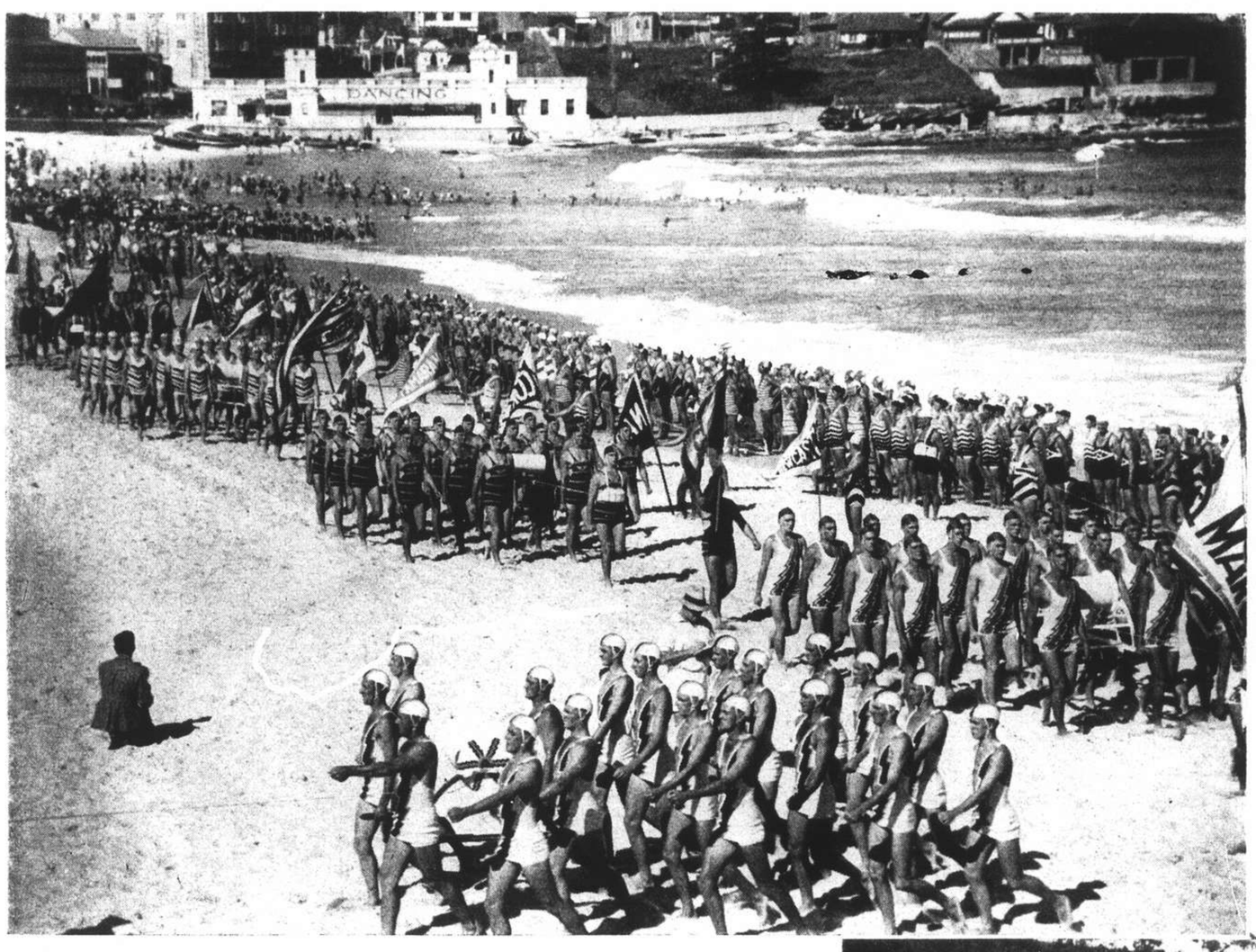


Mr. Woodhouse shows great form in vaulting at the Australian games.

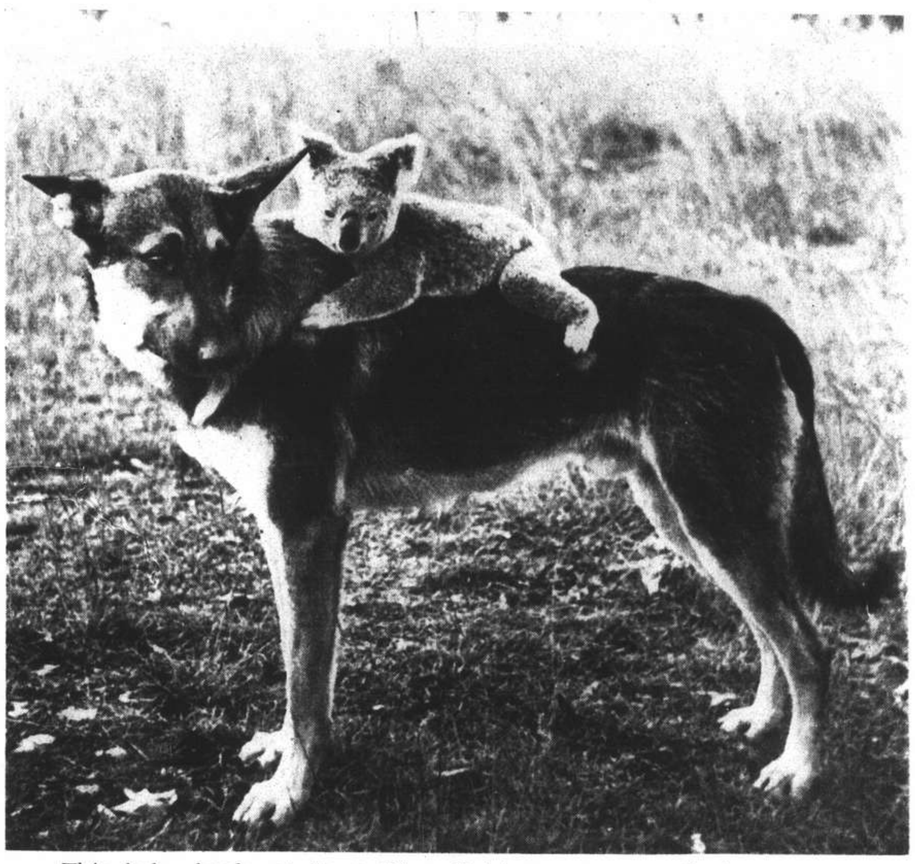


Fireworks such as these will be a nightly display at the celebrations.

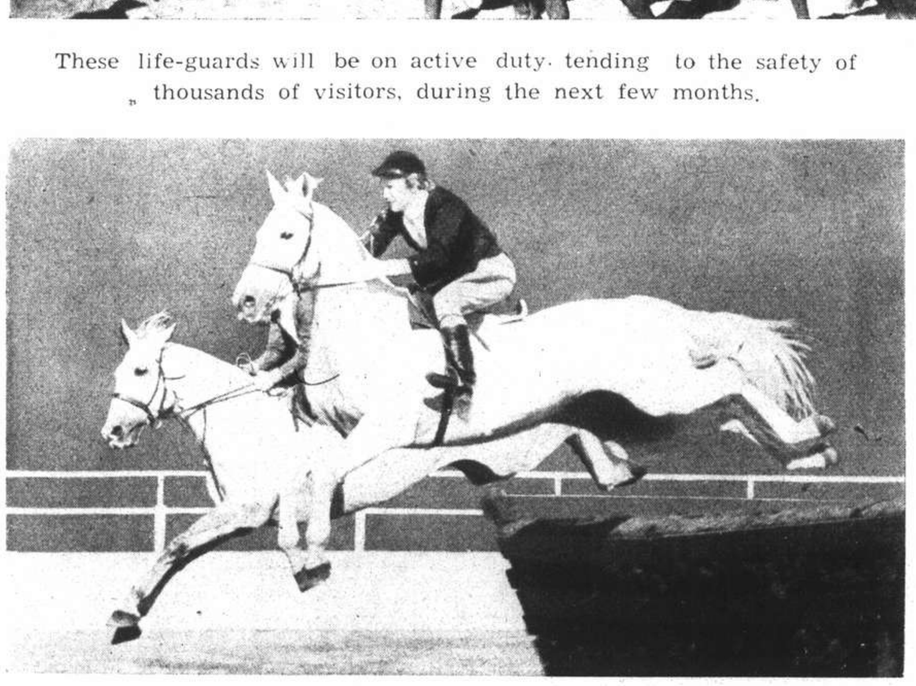
Similar wood-chopping contests will be staged during the coming celebrations from January 26 to April 25.




These life-guards will be on active duty tending to the safety of thousands of visitors, during the next few months.



This baby koala at Lone Pine, Brisbane, poses with his master's beautiful Alsatian.



Ladies jumping in pairs at the Sydney Royal Agricultural Show during Easter week.

No less than 3,000 sheep on the move along the Hume Highway in New South Wales. Australian wool is in demand all over the world.

# *Life Is Hard for a Woman*

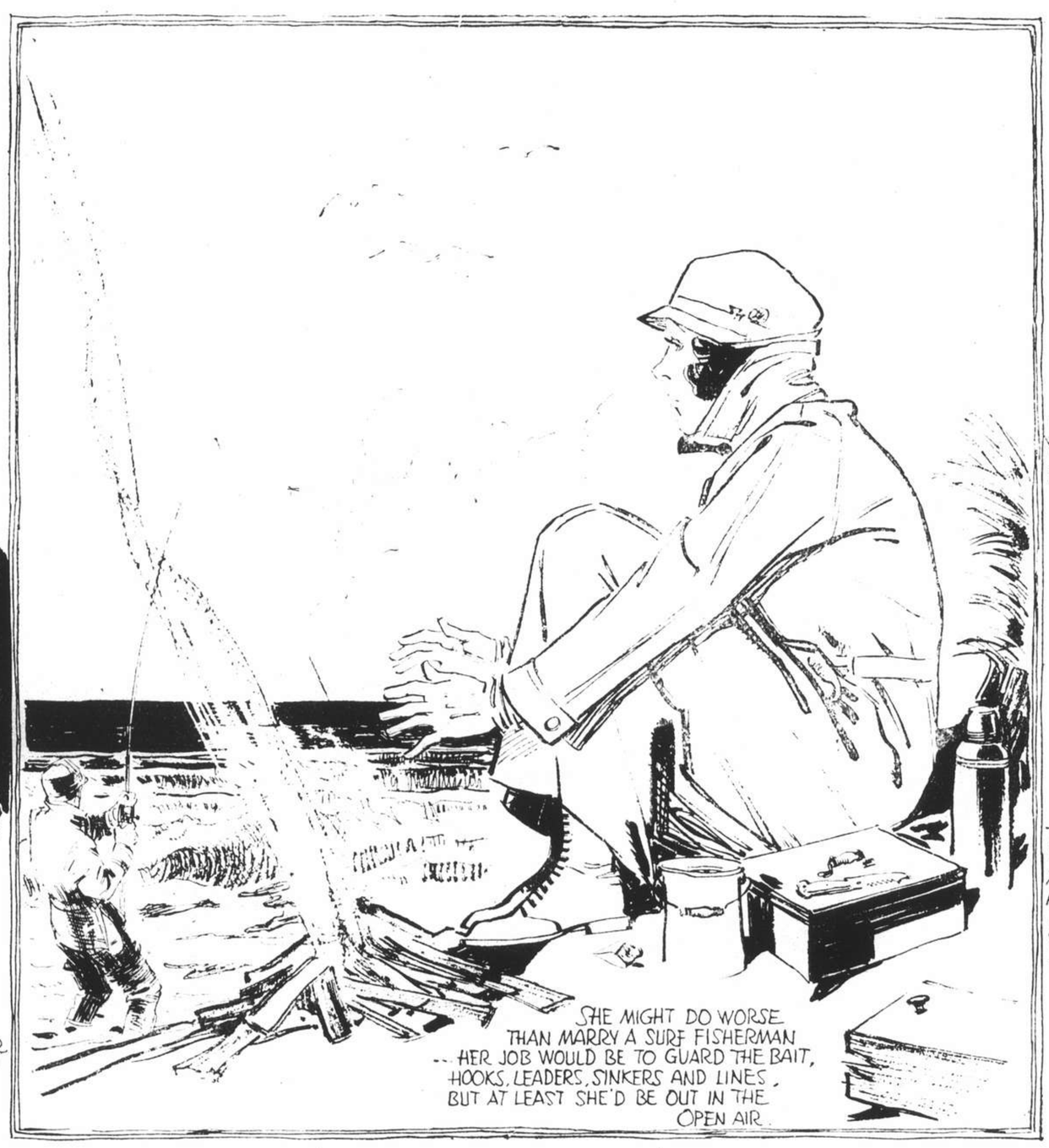
## *VIGNETTES OF LIFE*

*By J. LYND NORMAN*

IF SHE MARRIES A DOCTOR, ABOUT ALL SHE SEES OF HIM IS WHEN HE'S RUNNING OUT TO SAVE A LIFE OR TO KEEP AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE STORK.

IF SHE MARRIES A GOLFER SHE HAS HER EAR TALKED OFF ABOUT THE CONTACTS HE HAS MADE. AND THE BUSINESS HE HAS DONE AT THE NINETEENTH HOLE.

"BRING HOME SOME MEAT! HOLY MACKEREL! D'YOU KNOW WHAT MEAT COSTS!!!"
AND IF SHE MARRIES A BUTCHER SHE HAS HER TROUBLES TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.


SHE MIGHT DO WORSE THAN MARRY A SURF FISHERMAN --- HER JOB WOULD BE TO GUARD THE BAIT, HOOKS, LEADERS, SINKERS AND LINES, BUT AT LEAST SHE'D BE OUT IN THE OPEN AIR.

"LISTEN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT! BE A ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT! DON'T STAND THERE IN THAT LISTLESS WAY!"
THE ARTIST'S WIFE HAS TO POSE FOR NEARLY EVERYTHING BUT HORSES AND DOGS.
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